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GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Cloudy with scattered snow showers, high 32, west winds 10-20 mph. Partly cloudy tonight, low 17.

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MAGIC VALLEY

Gulity: A Jerome jury Saturday convicted Michael B. Elson of shaking a 22-month-old boy to death.

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SPORTS

It had to be destiny: Declo and Kimberly met in a rematch of last season's state title game Saturday in Kimberly.

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FAMILY LIFE

Soup's on: Chicken Soup for the Soul, the bestselling series of inspirational books, is now a weekly column. It starts on The Times-News Family Life section today.

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Having fun yet? The Christmas season is supposed to bring you joy, and if it doesn't, then maybe you need to look at simplifying your holidays.

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Big drag: Before allocating money from the tobacco settlement, Idaho lawmakers must weigh their wants and needs, today's editorial says.

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In Shoshone, Yessenia Villarruel packs her car with schoolbooks, lunch and water before commuting to Twin Falls at 6 a.m. to attend the Advanced Regional Technical Education Center program. Villarruel lives in Halley but sometimes stays with her grandparents in Shoshone to cut her commute by an hour. Villarruel disposes of a vital of blood drawn from a fellow student. Last week, she and her classmates practiced their technique on each other.

Valley plans tech classes for high schoolers

By Jennifer Sandmann
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Making her way at 6 a.m. — or 4 a.m. if she drives from Halley — has become a daily ritual for a 16-year-old who decided she wanted to spend her senior year attending CSI full time. They will graduate from high school at the same time they finish a college technical program. They still can participate in high school sports, activities and graduation.

In the long run, ARTEC planners hope to provide students options to allow them to spend a portion of their day at high school.

Backed by 17 southern Idaho school districts, ARTEC's first-year drew only 25 students — and one decided shortly after the semester started that he wanted to return to high school. The 25 were able to attend CSI at no cost to them, and CSI had been prepared to accommodate 100 students.

"There were a number of students around the valley who wanted to do it but didn't want to give up their senior year," said



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Claire Major, assistant interim ARTEC director. Planners knew attending CSI full time would be a challenge, interim director Dave Sass said. The students take a full college load plus finishing up a few high school credits.

"That is asking an awful lot of a high school senior," he said.

In the United States, the industry has refused to cooperate with the Environmental Protection Agency in studying whether electronics workers in California have higher rates of cancer and birth defects than the public.

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Educators, officials plan ARTEC tour

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — An upcoming tour planned for local business people and educators will showcase some of the nation's leading technical schools.

Planners of a Magic Valley technical high school hope the four-day trip — called the "Shared Vision Tour" — will inform Magic Valley leaders of the potential that exists in technical education and generate support for the local effort.

Magic Valley representatives will tour schools in Virginia and Cincinnati in mid-January. A one-day sightseeing stop is scheduled in Washington, D.C.

The schools selected for the tour offer a variety of models for local planners, said Dave Sass, interim director of the Advanced Regional Technical Education Center, ARTEC.

The Cincinnati school is well-established and is a strong example of a partnership between business and education, Sass said. Its programs are diverse and flexible.

The Virginia schools recently have started technical programs at established high schools, which is what Magic Valley planners want to do here.

The schools also offer unique courses.

Businesses will foot the bill for representatives they send on the

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Astronauts surmount 1st hurdle

Hoist space station part from cargo bay

The Associated Press

SPACE CENTER, Houston — Endeavour's astronauts overcame their first hurdle Saturday in building the international space station: hoisting the 25,000-pound Unity chamber from the shuttle cargo bay with only an inch of clearance on either side.

An even tougher job awaits them today, when they attempt to place a much larger Russian station component from orbit and attach it to Unity without a direct line of sight.

The six shuttle astronauts have been chasing the component named Zarya (Russian for Sunrise) since they rocketed into orbit Friday. They trailed the giant cylinder by 6,000 miles Saturday morning.

Astronaut Nancy Currie used

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Mood begins to turn against Clinton

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Although the GOP's disappointing showing in last month's election seemed to doom the chances of presidential impeachment, what many members see as President Clinton's arrogance and lack of repentance have made it far more likely that the House will approve at least one article.

Clinton says goodbye to friend — AS

With little doubt that the Republican-dominated House Judiciary Committee will vote this week to impeach Clinton on charges stemming from his sexual affair with Monica Lewinsky, the crucial fight will come the following week, when the House is called into a special session to vote on the commit-

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Christmas in Park to feature student singers

The Times-News

The Twin Falls High School Chamber Singers will provide the music tonight for the season's second Christmas in City Park.

The Chamber Singers, under Richard Smack's direction, will perform at 5 p.m. The Rev. Jim Sommers of the Christian Center will give the inspirational message.

The concert, sponsored by the Twin Falls Sertortum Club, is free. Refreshments are available.

The series will continue on Sunday nights through the Advent season.

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Growing reports of cancer shake up Silicon Valley

Los Angeles Times

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Lee Leth first felt the cancer as an ache in his back while pulling roots in the yard. The disease has wasted away part of his spine, shrinking him six inches and painfully compressing his organs.

Linda Fouché grew concerned when a kitten scratched her chin and the wound would not stop bleeding. Her doctor's diagnosis: a rare skin tumor.

How Leth, Fouché and dozens of others contracted the cancer hangs like a cloud over the

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birth defects than the public.

"There is no scientific basis to justify a study," said Lee Neal, health and safety director for the Semiconductor Industry Association. "We use chemicals in work environments two to three times cleaner than the typical operating room."

Yet a growing chorus of scientists is urging the industry to participate.

"Without that, you are defenseless," Patricia Buffler, former dean of public health at University of California, Berkeley, pointedly told a recent

conference of industry health officials in Dallas.

An estimated 45,000 U.S. workers labor in "fabs," high-tech factories that use hundreds of hazardous chemicals in a manufacturing process that few government safety regulators understand.

Among those left to wonder about a possible cancer link is Dr. Steven Scates, Leth's oncologist. Scates said he has seen a half-dozen IBM workers with similar disorders — rare malignancies in

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NATION

Justice probes CIA tips to electronics firm

Officials want to know why agency told Hughes about investigation plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — The CIA admits it tipped off Hughes Electronics that company officials would be called before a Senate committee investigating the agency's weapons transfers to China.

Justice Department investigators are trying to figure out why the agency's officials tipped off Hughes Electronics.

As many as eight CIA officials are being investigated for allegedly leaking the agency's plans to the electronics firm.

The criminal probe of the agency was launched at the request of Sen. Richard Shelby.

R.A. and Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., chairman and vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee. U.S. officials familiar with the matter said committee staffers and lawmakers were furious when the CIA notified the panel it had been in touch with Hughes about aspects of the investigation. "The moment we heard about this, we exploded," said an official familiar with the committee's reaction. Shelby immediately phoned CIA Director George Tenet and "read him the riot act."

Shelby and Kerrey sent a letter to Attorney General Janet Reno within the last four weeks asking for an inquiry and sent a copy to Tenet. The lawmakers said they

were concerned that the CIA's contact with Hughes may have obstructed not only the committee investigation but also a current Justice Department criminal probe into whether Hughes and other satellite firms improperly helped China's rocket programs.

An official familiar with the classified letter described it to The Associated Press.

What an agency official said the CIA regarded as routine contacts made "in the normal course of doing business" — the intelligence committee considered a serious breach of confidentiality. By tipping off Hughes about questions the committee was asking and the people it was contacting, the CIA may have helped Hughes

fend off allegations that it exported to China restricted missile and satellite technology.

The furor over the CIA-Hughes contacts touches on a long-standing agency contractor relationship, dating back decades, through most of the history of the government's highly classified spy satellite program, according to Jeffrey Richelson, author of several books on U.S. technical intelligence gathering.

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Intel, NASA team produces chip impervious to radiation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government and Intel Corp. have teamed up to develop a radiation-proof computer chip that could help shield satellites from nuclear blasts in space.

The new computer microprocessor is the result of work by Intel and the government's Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico.

Intel, the largest manufacturer of microprocessors, will provide the government with "existing technology that then allows them to build and build a radiation-hardened product," said a source close to the deal, who spoke on condition of anonymity and would not reveal details about the chip.

Intel is scheduled to announce

the new technology Tuesday at its headquarters in Santa Clara, Calif., with Energy Secretary Bill Richardson and NASA Administrator Dan Goldin expected to attend, the source said.

The trade newsletter Defense Week, in an edition being published Monday, said the new chip would one day enable systems aboard satellites and other space vehicles to withstand the effects of a nuclear detonation.

The article said U.S. intelligence agencies are increasingly worried about the possibility that a potential enemy could disrupt satellite surveillance and communications simply by firing a nuclear weapon straight up and detonating it in space.

Pressure to move against Iraq remains high with lawmakers

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's national security team hasn't had to strain to rally congressional support for military action against Iraq. The hard work has been explaining why an attack hasn't happened already.

In a private briefing for senators, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Defense Secretary William Cohen, National Security Secretary James Berger and Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Henry Sheldahl found widespread frustration over Clinton's suspension of bombing attacks last week.

"The questions were along the line of why didn't we go ahead and bomb," said one Democratic congressman, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

"The meeting last week marked the first time since airstrikes were authorized, then aborted, that the administration had a chance to explain its case directly to Congress. The president's security team got a stark political lesson in return: About Iraq, there are not howls and doves in Congress."

"America must not take lightly and carry a small stick," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas. "If we say we're going to bomb, we must bomb."

Many senators showed up for the two-hour-plus session. Republicans called it contentious. Democrats said the team made a "good presentation but agreed the atmosphere was at times frosty."

In one event, Albright and her colleagues — not normally shrieking mules — left the Capitol by a "back door" stairwell rather than facing waiting cameras and reporters.

The briefing, along with one by lower-ranking officials for House members, was an attempt to organize the scattered Congress on

"what led to our decision to launch an attack, and then call it back," plus subsequent developments, Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said.

The officials said they had the type of notice next time it had before and should "allow the inspectors to do their job," Bacon said.

"They still didn't answer the questions we had in February: Once you bomb, then what?" said Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., chairman of the Foreign Relations subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs.

Sen. Brownback applauded the administration's move to build ties with Iraqi opposition groups seeking to depose Iraq's president, Saddam Hussein.

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The Proposed Fees Exceed 100% of the Fees Last Collected.
Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, will hold a public hearing on the proposed fee increases, said hearing to be held at City Hall, Twin Falls, Idaho at said p.m., on December 14, 1998.
The City of Twin Falls has proposed to increase the golf season pass rates and the drive-in and cart rental rates by an amount that exceeds one hundred percent of the current rates. The proposed increases would have the following impact on current fees:

SEASON PASS FEES	CURRENT RATE	PROPOSED RATE	INCREASE
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High School Student	\$50.00	\$100.00	100%
1 Adult & Children	\$400.00	\$800.00	100%
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1 Adult & Children	\$400.00	\$800.00	100%
City Employee-Family	\$200.00	\$400.00	100%

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The increased revenue is necessary to cover cost of operation and maintenance of the golf course, maintain improvement to the golf course, and improving the sprinkler system to provide for better playing conditions and more economic maintenance of the course.
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NATION

Vice president's dad succumbs at age 90

CARHILL, Tenn., AP — Vice President Al Gore's father, Albert Gore Sr., who served in Congress for three decades and was a long-time member of the United States Senate, died Sunday, Nov. 29.

Gore died of natural causes at his home, a statement from the vice president's office said. The vice president and his wife, Tipper, were at his bedside.

A leader among liberals in his years in the Senate, 1953-71, the elder Gore became known during his third term in the opposition to the Vietnam War. Their opposition was a landmark in his career in 1970 when he lost his seat.

Gore retired from public life after his third term. "The truth is that I was a lame duck," he said. "I was not running for re-election in 1970. I was running for re-election in 1972, and I lost."

When Gore was first elected to the Senate in 1946, after a failed presidential run in 1940, the younger Gore was elected vice president of a Bill Clinton manufacturing firm in 1947.

Commenting on his son's nomination for vice president, he said, "I would never want to deny my son the honor of being a vice president for the United States."

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Former congressman declares homosexuality

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Michael Huffington, the man who spent \$20 million on a failed Senate candidacy in California, says now that he's glad he lost because it has allowed him to reveal a long-held personal secret: he's gay.

"I know now that my sexuality is part of who I am," Huffington is quoted as saying in an article by David Brock, a longtime friend, in the January issue of Esquire. He added: "I've been through a long process of finding out the truth about me."

Huffington, 51, was divorced last year from columnist and socialite Arianna Huffington. The article says he told his fiancée of his past homosexual activity before they were married.

Huffington, who lives in Los Angeles, sent word through Brock that he is not giving interviews. There is no small irony in the decision by the former Republican congressman, a staunch conservative, to tell his story to Brock, a fellow conservative, struggling with the decision to disclose his own homosexuality in a 1994 interview with the Washington Post.

Brock is best known for the "Troopergate" article about President Clinton's sex life in

Arkansas, for which he has since apologized.

Brock says Huffington first broached the subject while visiting Brock at his Rehoboth Beach home last Memorial Day week-end, and later raised it as a possible magazine article.

"I told him I didn't want to be compromised and the fact that we're friends couldn't get in the way of my doing this piece as a journalist," Brock said.

Brock says he interviewed Huffington for more than 20 hours. "It's extremely painful and difficult for him

even to talk to me about it," Brock said. "He didn't blurt all this out in the first 15 minutes."

According to the Esquire piece, Huffington says he began dating men in the 1970s while working at his family oil company in Houston, and became "guilt-ridden and depressed" over the relationships. A relationship with one man lasted about a year, he said. Huffington also continued to date women, and at one point he made a private vow to stop sleeping with men.

The Huffingtons were married in 1986. Six years later, in what was the most expensive House race in history, Michael Huffington spent \$5.4 million to win his California seat.



Al Gore Sr.

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Cancer

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which were "about 100,000 multiple myelomas."

"I hope it doesn't turn out that (IBM) exposed me to some of something that," Skates said. "But without a legitimate study, I don't see how you can answer that."

Skates said he resolved in court to update New York and Silicon Valley, at least 125 employees and surviving relatives, with information about IBM and its chemical supplies. Lethal and potentially fatal diseases, he said.

IBM spokeswoman Pat Skates said, "We do recognize that some of these illnesses were caused by airborne asbestos, vermiculite, at IBM."

From 1950 to 1972, Skates said, an IBM employee, involved in working with, measuring, and chemically testing aluminum plates to make electronic chips, used chemicals in his clothes as he worked around aluminum machinery, devices. "It is a few years ago, my wife noticed that some of the acid had gotten on my shirt," Leth said. "We had a doctor look at it and he said, 'That's a very serious situation.'"

Most occupational cancers result from long-term, low-level exposure and can take decades to appear.

Leth has multiple myeloma, usually fatal, among other ailments, he said.

man who looks out the others. At 54, he is a young man, single, who was diagnosed almost five years ago. Only one-fifth of myeloma patients survive that long. "There's a dogmatic, keep your mouth shut, inside me," Leth said.

Suspected causes of multiple myeloma include viral infection, radiation and chemical exposure. A 1992 medical journal lists occupational causes: a chemical Leth worked with, as a high reactor, plutonium, is classified as a carcinogen in California.

As a plutonium worker, Leth said, he was told that if a patient, healthy bone is destroyed. Parts of the spine collapse, sending searing pain into the leg.

Leth walks with a cane in much pain. He refuses a wheelchair because he wants to keep

walking. "I didn't understand the power of pain," he said.

"As an engineer," he said, "I can't say I'm 99 percent sure that exposure on the job caused the cancer. But I don't drink. I don't smoke. I don't have cancer in my family. What other factor could have contributed to this thing?"

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The Washington Post

PHILADELPHIA — Two of the nation's Supreme Court justices mounted a vigorous defense of judicial independence Saturday, emphasizing the importance of judges and justices in the federal system and warning that the erosion of their independence would be a disaster for the country.

The justices, **Justice Anthony M. Kennedy** and **Justice Clarence Thomas**, were speaking at a symposium on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the American Bar Association's founding. The symposium was held at the University of Pennsylvania.

Justice Kennedy said in an unusually impassioned speech before a gathering of judges and lawyers attending an American Bar Association conference here. "The promise is neutral, if that promise is broken, the law ceases to exist. All that's left is the dictate of a tyrant, it is a disaster."

Justice Thomas' speech, which was also a stirring judicial address, added Stephen G. Breyer, who moderated a panel discussion on the subject. It is a rare forum that attracts

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even one Supreme Court justice, so it was especially unusual to hear from two members of America's highest court. But their appearance at the symposium is part of an unprecedented response by the bench to an equally unprecedented attack on the nation's courts in recent years.

Republican leaders in Congress have sug-

gested that judges who issue unpopular decisions should be impeached.

They also have proposed that federal judges, who are now appointed for life, face term limits, and some have offered legislation that would diminish a judge's authority. In a few cases, lawmakers have refused to confirm certain judicial nominees as a way of protesting what they call "judicial activism."

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Although the Republicans' criticism has focused mostly on judges they consider "soft on crime," both conservatives and liberals have launched attacks for particular rulings that they considered out of line.

Mom faces charge in toddler's kidnap hoax

NEW YORK (AP) — A woman who told police a stranger snatched her child out of her arms in a crowded subway was charged Saturday with killing the 26-month-old girl.

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Clinton helps bury 'old friend'

Former Arkansas aide died at 77

WENNE, Ark., AP — Forming a vital 75-mile caravan from Memphis to this "City With a Smile," a team of fellow former Arkansasians, were home with President Clinton on Saturday to bid adieu to an old friend and political ally.

The president delivered the eulogy at an afternoon funeral service for William Maurice Smith Jr., 77, chief of staff at Clinton's gubernatorial office, who died Thursday night after a long battle with emphysema.

"Farewell, old friend," Clinton said, smiling. Smith's own commitment to him when Clinton lost his governor's seat in 1990. "I say to you what you said to me several years ago: 'I'll be all right. You're doing good. We'll be together again before you know it.'"

The president saluted his former mentor as someone who "loved a good fight but he never sought to destroy his adversary."

As the Wayne Presbyterian Church, where two little boys with silver pinwheels waited to meet the presidential motorcade, Clinton and some first ladies sang and danced at a town to a music buffet at him, chicken caesar and pot salad before heading to a graveside service at Capitol Cemetery. "We laughed coming over," Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater said after the long ride with Clinton from the Memphis airport. "We had a good time, because Maurice would want that."

The music track was more somber. In the limousine, Secret Service agents told Clinton that Vice President Al Gore's father, a former Tennessee senator, had died. Looking weary in rumpled Christmas, a must-see Clinton removed his necktie and broke the news to reporters on Air Force One. "I admired Al Gore Sr. immensely before I could have even known Al and I



President Clinton tells reporters aboard Air Force One Saturday that Vice President Al Gore's father, Al Gore Sr., died earlier in the day. Clinton was returning from the funeral of William Maurice Smith Jr., a former aide and adviser.

would become friends and build this partnership," the president said before telephoning his condolences to Gore at his father's home in Carthage, Tenn.

Clinton last spoke to Smith by telephone on Thursday, hours before he died. On a respirator, Smith had someone hold the phone to his ear.

Smith's alliance with Clinton dated to his first winning political campaign — for state attorney general — in 1976. The wealthy banker and farmer later helped finance Clinton's gubernatorial campaigns and was described by colleagues as a stabilizing "elder statesmanlike" figure to the young governor, whose own father died before Clinton was born.

Study: Jobs look good for grads

DETROIT (AP) — The end of the century is looking bright for the Class of '99. These days, a college degree and computer or technical skills should easily add up to a job, a study to be released Sunday says.

Employers compete fiercely to grab the graduates, and recruiters are hitting campuses earlier than in years past, said **Walt Gardner**, Michigan State University's director of research at Career Services and Placement. He wrote the school's 28th annual Recruiting Trends survey. Employers are hiring at about the same rate as last year, which is good news for students, he said.

"In fact, every college graduate who is computer-literate or possesses advanced technical skills and who actively seeks employment should find a job," he said.

Bradley G. Richardson, president of the Dallas-based training and consulting firm JobSmart, said the study is right on target.

"For college graduates, right now it's a phenomenal time," he said Saturday. "Graduates are having multiple offers."

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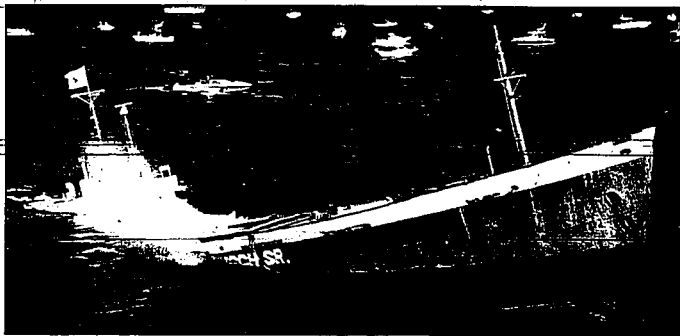
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Woman delivers baby on airliner

NEW YORK (AP) — When Janet Ortiz went through customs Saturday after her flight from Africa, all she had to declare was a brand new baby.

Mrs. Ortiz, 27, went into labor on the flight from Ghana and delivered a 6-pound girl in the airliner's coach section after landing at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

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Ethics raised as 2nd donation puts life at stake

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Nearly three years ago, prison inmate David Patterson donated a kidney to a girl he hardly knew — his sick daughter.

His gift revived their relationship and gave Renada Daniel Patterson new hope.

Now the transplanted kidney is failing, after the girl stopped taking powerful drugs that stave off rejection of transplanted organs. Patterson, who has more than three years remaining on burglary and drug convictions, wants to give the teen-ager his remaining kidney, an operation that would place

his own health in jeopardy.

The 16-year-old girl's doctors at the University of California at San Francisco balked at the transplant request but an ethics panel is reviewing the matter at the urging of Renada's family, said the girl's mother, Vickie Daniel.

"They told us it would be unethical," said Daniel, who never married Patterson. "We believe it's an ethical issue. These are family members making a decision for the future of their child."

Patterson's unusual offer, which would also have to be approved by prison officials, raises questions about whether it is acceptable for someone to sacrifice his own future for someone else's through organ transplantation.

Patterson, 37, could survive for a time without kidneys, which filter toxins from the blood, with the

help of a dialysis machine that would do the job mechanically. But his health would be constantly threatened and the government would have to pick up the \$40,000 annual cost of dialysis.

"It am told this is something he wants to try to do. But it's a dire question at this point," said Lt. Billy Mayfield, spokesman for the state prison in Sacramento, where Patterson is imprisoned. "Quite frankly, I'm not sure I have a good answer for it. When you talk about children, you get kind of tingly. You would do just about anything for them. I can see a good argument on both sides."

Daniel said Patterson has had regular telephone and mail contact with his daughter since she received his first kidney in March 1996 and that he has developed a strong emotional bond with the 11th-grade student. He has never supported the girl financially.

White supremacist receives sentence

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. (AP) — A member of an Illinois white supremacist group who prosecutors say stockpiled weapons in preparation for a race war was sentenced to five years and 10 months in prison.

Wallace S. Weicherding, 64, was found guilty in August of conspiracy to possess and make illegal firearms and destructive devices,

and of possessing a machine gun. He was sentenced Friday.

The former prison guard was one of four men charged with plotting to start a race war through assassinations and bombings. Prosecutors said Weicherding's handwritten "hit list" included: civil rights attorney Martin Luther King Jr., movie director Steven Spielberg, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan

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Weicherding claimed in his trial that he joined the supremacist group New Order to impress his friends and said their plans were nothing more than dreams.

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Villarmuel opted for the medical assistant program.
"I had to decide if I wanted to stay in high school or go to college and study hard," she said.

She wasn't interested in her high school studies, she said, although she had been looking forward to her senior year. She has raised her grades to A's, up from the B's and C's she earned at Wood River.

The first few weeks at CSI were tough. Villarmuel was nervous and overwhelmed and felt out of place being so young. She and a friend encouraged one another to persevere. And things have improved.

Villarmuel works early to be in time for government class at Twin Falls High School at 6:50 a.m. She then heads to CSI where she has a full course load, including English 101 that counts toward her high school senior-English credit.

Villarmuel studies about four hours a day. Between studying, hours on the road and time in class, she doesn't have much time for socializing during the week, she said. She tries to reserve weekends for fun.

"I'm doing this for me. In the long run it's going to pay back," she said.

She plans to work after high school but isn't certain about long-range plans. She is interested in being a doctor, but she really hadn't thought about going to college until ARTEC came along.

"What I really like is that I'll be 17 or 18 and I'll have a career," she said.

College credits - free

ARTEC student Melissa Evers, 17, liked the idea of going to CSI instead of Wendell High School during her senior year. She wasn't sure whether a technical program interested her. But she decided allied health classes could offer her a good start on the way to becoming a physical therapist.

"If nothing else this helps me get my basic requirements out of the way," Evers said.
She said she hopes her background will lead her into a good-paying job so she can work her way through college.

In the meantime she doesn't miss high school. She found it too easy, she said. The classes at CSI

are more of a challenge.

ARTEC promises its students a year's worth of technical schooling for free, through tuition scholarship from the college, school districts and businesses. But free is not necessarily easy.

"You do have to be ambitious. You have to want it, because there are a lot of kids who just go to jump through," she said. "If you're willing to work for it, it's awesome."

Tough decisions

ARTEC has taught Filer High School student Donny Taylor, 17, many lessons.

"I think it's good for people who want to jump ahead and go farther and faster than the average person," he said.

Taylor is wrapping up 20 credits at CSI this semester - considered a heavy load. At the same time he is working on his high school government course by correspondence, something he doesn't recommend because he said it's easy to put off.

Taylor enrolled in cabinet making, even though he wants to work with computers. He saw wood-working as a chance to take a break from his work at the computer terminal.

But he really didn't know what he was getting into when he signed up for ARTEC, he said. He thought it was an academic program but soon discovered he would be

working for cabinet making - and that's it. He wishes he had opted for a program that would have advanced his career goals, but he knows woodworking gives him something to fall back on.

But far Taylor's classmate Mike Callen, 17, ARTEC is just what he was looking for.

"I don't like high school at all," Callen said.

But now, Callen puts in 17-hour days. He attends the Twin Falls High School government class with Villarmuel, heads to CSI, and when he is done there he drives to Jerome High School for night class.

Looking back, he offers some advice: Plan ahead, and get as many high school credits as possible out of the way.

next year still isn't known, Sass said. Course offerings remain a question.

So does financing. ARTEC is operating on about a \$12,000 to \$13,000 monthly budget. The money comes mostly from participating school districts and the Idaho Division of Vocational Education, but also from School-to-Work.


CSI can't keep offering students schooling for nothing, Sass said, and ARTEC planners aren't sure where their long-term financing will come from. They are applying for a large grant from the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation that would provide some start-up money.

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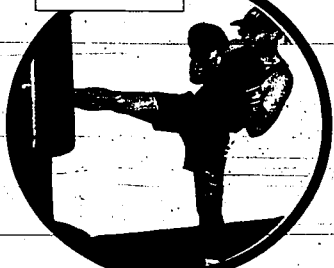
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Ban on extracurricular clubs, aimed at gays, negates students' options

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Nearly three years after the school board used extracurricular clubs in order to get rid of a gay student support group, the target of the ban is thriving.

And East High School, where the Gay-Straight Alliance unsettled state legislators and grabbed national headlines, is hurting.

"It's been a disaster," said Scott Nelson, a social studies and history teacher. "There's more to education than just the curriculum. ... There's a certain social element."

The controversy began in 1995 with a student's request to form a support group for gay teens, the Gay-Straight Alliance. The deeply conservative state Legislature quickly line up against the idea.

On the other side were civil libertarians and hundreds of high school students — only a few of them gay — who rallied and marched on the statehouse to save their extracurricular clubs. But their efforts proved fruitless.

Federal law prohibits public schools from discriminating against nonacademic clubs that are based on unpopular ideas, like homosexuality. So rather than stomach the Gay-Straight Alliance at East High, the Salt

Lake School Board in February 1996 banished all clubs not linked to the curriculum in this conservative city's four high schools.

Sacrificed were dozens of clubs, including those focused on racial awareness, the Crazy E pep club, Young Republicans and Democrats, Students Against Drunk Driving and even those for

Network (GLSN).

Now, the alliance meets in a community group parking lot in order to meet on East High's campus one afternoon a week. In its overture to student times, the district even gave the group insurance premiums.

The alliance can't use the school's public address system or hand out fliers about meetings, but it is the most active organization on campus.

Order banned clubs that for lack of school uniforms and the money to pay rent and insurance premiums.

The allowed groups — science, math, language clubs, athletic, debate and chess teams — attract mostly white, college-bound students. Others either start after the academic and athletic seasons or feel unwelcome.

And unfortunately, those in the past are students who were expelled from the school because of their sexual orientation, said science teacher Camille Lee.

Chad Lee, a former student and the former club's leader, said he is a big part of the school's success. "Now they're part of nothing," he said.

A lot of the students at the school have been expelled.

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— Scott Nelson,
Utah teacher

kids fascinated with beef steak.

Bart Simpson and UFOs.

Since then, school spirit has evaporated, students don't socialize as much and class and racial rifts are deeper than ever, say students and teachers at East High.

"People don't care about school anymore," said cheerleader Chris Trindel.

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Redneck refuge or populist pathfinder? Alberta stands solo

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — It was only a matter of time before a newspaper, but the suggestion to trade Alberta to the United States — perhaps for Minnesota — got a lot of Canadians thinking about this idiosyncratic, occasionally un-Canadian province.

Alberta is Canada's oilfield, its cowboy country, headquarters for its anti-environmental lobby, stronghold of its right-wing political movement. In the American West, it might fit in comfortably, in Canada — well, Alberta is different.

"Albertans feel good about Alberta," said Thomas Flanagan, political science professor at the University of Calgary. "If we can just be left alone to run our own affairs, and be treated as little as possible, we'll be fine."

The Toronto-based Globe and Mail, which circulates across Canada, recently published a letter from Toronto reader John Firth, who bemoaned the Alberta government's opposition to gun control and its resistance to expelling gay rights.

"Clearly the time has come to expel this right-wing cuckoo from the Canadian nest," wrote Firth, who proposed trading the province to the United States for some of the more civilized border states — preferably Minnesota or Vermont.

Dozens of letters have flowed to the Globe and Mail in response, some accusing it of disseminating hate literature, and almost all of it defending Alberta.

Rather than expel Alberta, why not send Ottawa-based federal politicians and bureaucrats to Alberta, reader Jack Tate suggested. "Both the country and they would benefit from their exposure to clear mountain air and clear thinking."

But Melanie Anderson, part of Alberta's left-of-center minority and head of its Planned Parenthood chapter in Calgary, says critics of the province are on target.

"Other Canadians do look at Alberta as being very redneck, and unfortunately I'd have to agree with them," she said. "It's not the truth, it's very embarrassing to be from Alberta when you go to a national conference."

At the moment, Alberta ranks as Canada's most conservative province and its most prosperous. Many Albertans would link those two achievements.

Others aren't so sure. Murray Billert, an Alberta activist involved in the campaign to bolster gay rights, said the provincial government has complied with the high court ruling only "grudgingly" and is working ways to limit homosexual rights in other areas.

"This is a province that was 20 years behind the times, guilty of some unexcused discrimination," he said. "It's a time to be mending fences, not building them."



Alan McKenzie competes July 11 in the saddlehorse portion of the Calgary Stampede in Canada's Alberta province. Alberta is considered 'Canada's cowboy country.'

But look what they continue to do.

Flanagan, the University of Calgary professor, says Alberta's unique political character dates back more than a century, when early settlers included ranchers and Mormons from the United States.

While most of English-speaking Canada was embracing British parliamentary traditions, Alberta was influenced by American populist ideas, Flanagan said. More so than the rest of Canada, it believes in voter-initiated ballot proposals and seeks politicians who are more loyal to their constituents than their parties, he said.

Those traditions have been strengthened by the boom in Alberta's energy industry. Oil and gas companies are constantly moving personnel and ideas across the U.S.-Canadian border, while seeking a low-tax, low-regulation political climate that might not mesh with the interests of eastern Canada.

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—Murray Billert, Alberta activist

"The frustration leads to occasional outbursts of anger," Flanagan said. "But actually, we have been making considerable progress. Through the Reform Party, we've been having an effect on what happens in Ottawa."

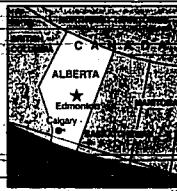
Billert, the liberal political activist, who has lived and worked in most of Canada's other provinces, finds Alberta a stimulating challenge.

"Alberta is slowly coming along," he said. "I take great pride in being part of the process of making them understand the realities of the diversity that is here."

The best of Alberta

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- 1. It is the only province with no sales tax.
- 2. It is the bastion of the right-wing Reform Party, now the largest opposition faction in Parliament. The governing Liberal Party can claim reasonable support almost everywhere else in Canada; in Alberta, it won one seat in 1997, its longest stretch since Reform won the other 25.
- 3. Alberta initiated a legal challenge to federal gun control legislation that will require registration of all 7 million firearms in Canada. Three other provinces joined the suit, which is likely to reach Canada's Supreme Court.
- 4. Alberta has been a pioneer in providing public funds to private schools.



several of them run by conservative Christian churches.

5. It implemented a no-tolls policy at its jails — allowing toilet paper, removing pool tables, eliminating

bacon from breakfast menus — that prompted one offender to request a 24-month term in a federal prison rather than 15 months in an Alberta jail.

6. It is crusading for radical reform of Canada's largely impotent Senate, saying members should be elected rather than appointed by the prime minister. In October, the province elected two "senators-in-waiting" to fill Alberta seats in the chamber whenever the rest of the country wises up.

7. At one time the province's Alberta waged a long legal battle against offering specific protection to homosexuals in its human rights code. The Supreme Court ruled against the province in April, rejecting its claim that the issue should be decided by politicians, not judges.

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U.S. military aids Colombia in opposing rebels' threat

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"Are we OK, little girl?" asks Staff Sgt. Juan Estay.

Estay, a 34-year-old from Miami, is one of eight U.S. Army Special Forces soldiers running a six-week training course in this Pacific jungle port. Such exercises are key instruments of U.S. policy to bolster Colombia's armed forces in their uphill struggle against highly effective, well-disciplined rebels.

The U.S. trainers are highly esteemed by their 30 Colombian pupils — six marine officers and 24 senior enlisted men. After a run-and-shoot competition that culminates in marksmanship practice, the Colombian contingent's chief, Capt. Eduardo Chavez, shows appreciation by hugging Master Sgt. Mike Wood, 34, of St. Louis.

Such training is central to a gradually intensifying U.S. military involvement in Colombia encouraged by the government of President Andres Pastrana, who took office in August.

U.S. troops first in Colombia this past week, U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen signed an accord pledging to increase intelligence support and provide more training.

Officially, Washington classifies the military instructor missions as counterterrorism training, one ingredient in a decade-old U.S. effort to combat drug trafficking in Colombia, the world's No. 1 cocaine-producing nation.

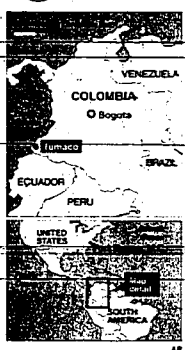
In practice, the Green Berets from the 7th Special Forces group at Fort Bragg, N.C., are teaching skills the Colombian military needs to fight its main foe: the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia.

The rebel movement, the hemisphere's oldest and largest leftist insurgency, has for the past three years been pummeling an army comprised largely of ill-prepared conscripts.

The six-week course in Tumaco focuses on basic light-infantry skills, including helicopter-borne operations, riverine infiltration, explosives use and ambush techniques. U.S. trainers provided 60,000 rounds of ammunition, three Zodiac inflatable boats and, for one week, two Blackhawk helicopters.

"It's counterinsurgency training," said Col. Juan Diego Rendon, deputy commander of the Colombian army's 12th Brigade, whose counterinsurgency battalion now has 150 soldiers being trained by a second team of Green Berets in the rebel-dominated southern state of Cauca.

Nowadays in Colombia, it's hard to fight narcotics without taking on the rebels, who finance themselves largely by taxing the drug trade and pro-



Testing cocaine laboratories and airstrips.

The Pentagon put on a dozen Special Forces training courses in Colombia this year and officials say 14 are scheduled for 1999, roughly half the overall U.S. "countering" training missions in the country.

Over the past two years, U.S. assistance to the Colombian military has included hundreds of M-16 rifles and M-60 machine guns, flak jackets, ammunition, night-vision goggles and trucks.

The United States is also working on establishing a high-tech joint intelligence center in southern Colombia, where U.S. specialists would provide the Colombian military almost immediately with information from satellites and

spy planes, officials say.

In addition, Washington has offered to help train and equip an anti-narcotics battalion, expected to be formed by mid-1999 and composed of 1,000 soldiers and police officers.

Currently, no Colombian military unit is devoted exclusively, or even primarily, to drug enforcement.

"Our assistance is provided to combat narcotics production and trafficking and may be used to counter all those who are actively involved in the drug trade," State Department spokesman James Rubin said Tuesday.

The American involvement remains a far cry, though, from its multibillion-dollar help for Central American nations fighting leftist insurgents during the 1980s, and it operates within strict limits.

The number of American military personnel in Colombia never exceeds 200, U.S. officials say, and American soldiers are not permitted to accompany Colombian troops into combat.

The Colombian government leaves that if it is to be successful in peace talks it is trying to launch with the rebels, it needs a few battlefield victories, and increased U.S. military aid could be a decisive factor.

A bigger U.S. role faces considerable obstacles, however.

Colombia's military has a poor human rights record and two U.S. laws sponsored by Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., and enacted since 1996 allow U.S. military aid and training only for Colombian units whose human rights records are clean.

So far, only three units of the army, the service most engaged in fighting rebels, have cleared the screening process.

U.S., Hungary join forces against crime

Strike force focuses on international acts

Los Angeles Times

BUDAPEST, Hungary — The criminals whose car bombs killed passengers-turned-police informant Jozsef Tamas "Big Tom" Boros here in July are still on the run.

But they may be regretting that bloody execution, which claimed three other lives. The bombing has led to the creation of a unique U.S.-Hungarian joint strike force against Budapest-based international crime.

Hungarian investigators, assist-

ed by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, are hot on the trail of the bombing suspects, officials here say. More broadly, the joint strike force ups the pressure on criminal gangs from the former Soviet Bloc that are headquartered here and operate internationally.

The strike force targets financial fraud, drug smuggling, involuntary prostitution, weapons smuggling, trade in the materials used in weapons of mass destruction, contract assassinations and contract bombings, said U.S. Ambassador Peter Tufo, who played a key role in launching the effort. One gang is a special focus of attention, Tufo implied, though

he declined to give details.

"Some of the more notorious are Russian-speaking groups. They may be Slavonian or Hungarian, but their common language is Russian," Tufo said.

"We have investigations under way in the U.S. that are targeting these crime groups," said Tufo. "We have information about their activities that is available here," Tufo added. "This is a 'Silk version' of the Al Capone gang: highly sophisticated, well-trained, former military intelligence officials with international communication and commercial links, who combine highly sophisticated criminal enterprises with ruthless use of violence."

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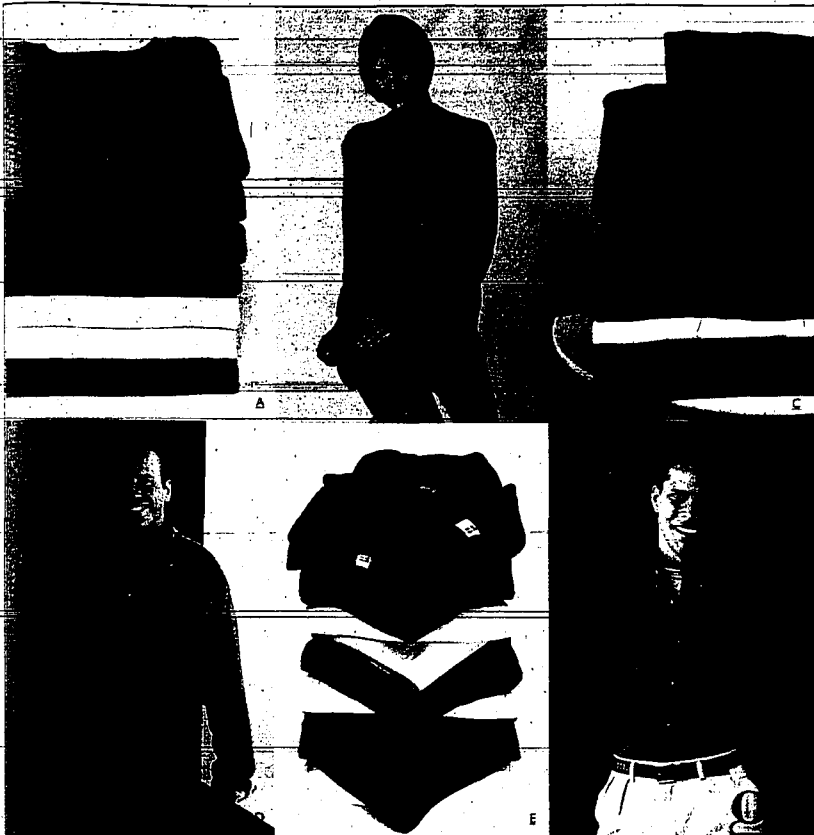
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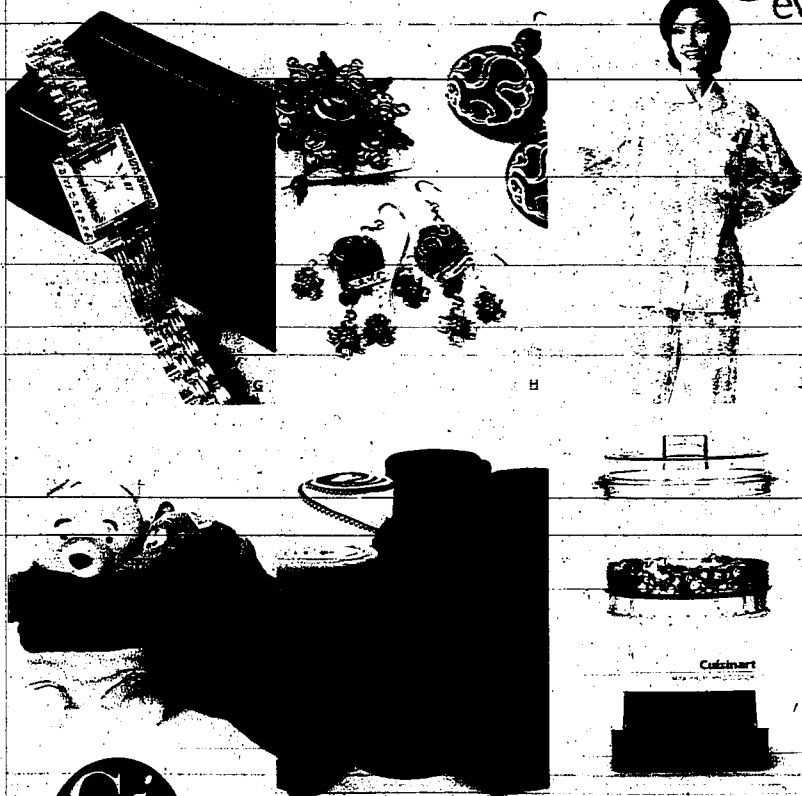
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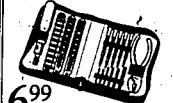
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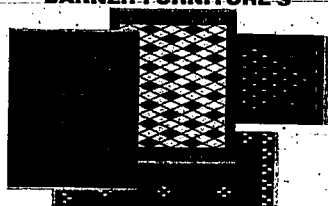
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This just in:
Farming is stressful

"Did you hear that the Idaho Department of Agriculture said and set in to help farmers deal with the stress of being overleveraged and underpaid?"
Yeah, well.
Stress, it seems to me, is a relative thing if you grew up on the land in Idaho in the '50s. Most farmers these days take their hat and sit in the news while sitting on their back porches watching their home entertainment centers.

We got ours while sitting in the outhouse reading "The Farmer's Almanac."
Most farmers today work land worth more per acre than my dad earned in a year - but then again most farmers today don't grow spunkweed on spec.

Most farmers nowadays get a loan from the bank; we got a calendar. The previous year's, usually.
It's a question of scale, don't you think? When your livelihood is 400 acres of hardpan and a gaggle of chickens, Old Man Stress didn't worry you much. He just makes up a bed for himself in the furnace room and waits for the inevitable foreclosure.

But nowadays, farmers get their ropes in a knot fretting about stuff they can't possibly do anything about, like whether the Japanese government is gonna print 10 billion yen or 15.
I even ran across an article in a farm magazine at the barbershop the other day that warned Midwestern producers - and I quote - "be proactive about next year's El Niño."

Proactive about El Niño? What are we supposed to do, search? For ice cubes into the Pacific Ocean?

Seems to me that the grandest illusion of farming is that you have any control at all.
Look, my grandfather farmed in the Cedar Draw area near Buhl in the 1920s - not a notably efficient means of becoming wealthy. One Fourth of July, it killed the size of quarters and wiped out his bean crop for five years.

My granddad was a dour Swede, not prone to hyperbole.
"Well, mother," he said at night, looking at the moonshape that used to be the South 40. "It's a good thing it didn't hail silver dollars. Woulda got the cow, too."

Anybody uncomfortable with stress probably should be a janitor. Deceit, policy, risk, after all, is the very nature of betting on weather and the sex lives of cereals and legumes.
If anybody who farms knows where it rains less than 10 inches a year oughta have a sense of humor about impending doom.

The story goes that over in Caribou County in 1934, it didn't rain at all.
That's right: not a drop from March through November.

When it came time to mail out the property tax notices that summer, the county assessor stuffed them into the top drawer of his desk.

About a month later, one of the county commissioners dropped by to find out what had happened to the county's revenue stream.
"Well, Jack, look at it this way," the assessor explained. "Not a one of those tax notices would've come back because nobody's got any money."

"But I'd have saved the county \$12.31 thousand on the budget - if we'd had any money!"
Truth is, country folks today don't know the meaning of stress.

I've told you before about my Uncle Elmer, who couldn't bring himself to cash his first crop subsidy check when he received it from the government?

And about how he polynized his second subsidy check "artificially" to get it out of his hands?

Well, Elmer achieved that at a poker table at Harold's Club in Reno.
"You wanna talk stress? He drew to an inside straight."

Times-News features editor Steve Trump wishes you to understand that Uncle Elmer used equal amounts of fertilizer on his crops and on his hair.

Jury convicts in shaken baby case

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

JEROME - Michael B. Elison could spend the next 30 years in prison after a jury convicted him Saturday of shaking a 22-month-old to death.

The jury convicted Elison of involuntary manslaughter with an enhanced penalty for the death of Zachary Nolan, who died Sept. 29, 1997, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

The enhanced penalty was added because Elison inflicted great bodily injury with reckless disregard for the child's safety,

Jerome prosecutor cites strength of medical evidence

The key to the trial's outcome was the strength of the medical evidence, Jerome County Prosecutor John Lothspiech said. Two pediatricians testified that the boy died from shaken baby syndrome.

But some of the telltale signs of shaken baby syndrome, such as "grip marks" bruises and torn nerves deep in the brain stem, were not found, defense lawyer Mike Wood argued during trial.

Last month, another local trial indicated that shaken baby cases

can be complicated. Complex medical evidence stumped Hailey jurors who, after 23 hours of deliberation, couldn't determine whether Michelle Bowman was guilty in the death of a 20-month-old child.

In the Jerome case, Wood said the head injuries that sent Zachary to St. Luke's twice in September 1997 and eventually led to his death were caused by a fall down apartment stairs.

But after more than seven hours of deliberation, the jury sided with the prosecution.

"I think all the evidence came out," Lothspiech said. "It was obvious what the verdict should be."

Wood had no comment about the verdict.

Elison will be sentenced Jan. 25 by District Judge Barry Wood. Lothspiech said he did not know what his sentence recommendation would be.

Zachary was the son of Jennifer Silver, who met Elison as a U.S. Navy electrician in Orlando, Fla. Silver moved with Elison and her two sons to

Jerome in summer 1997.

Elison usually watched the boys while Silver worked in Twin Falls, and he was watching them the two nights that Zachary was airlifted to St. Luke's with head injuries.

Zachary was released after the first stay, but he died during the second one.

"I feel great sympathy for the victim, especially in light of his age," Lothspiech said. "He was a very small boy who shouldn't have died."

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Twin Falls thespians, from left, Kelly McDowell, Paula Heabaz and Jamie Murray, act out their original humorous play, "It's 10 O'Clock, Do You Know Where Your Calimotes Are" during state drama competition Saturday.

Students get dramatic in competition at TF High

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - For weeks Erica Stimpson and her partner practiced every movement and detail until their routine was perfect.

After passing the first three rounds of the Idaho State Drama Tournament, their work came down to one more pantomime performance in the semifinal round.

It was tough competition, but the junior from Twin Falls High School thought positively.

"I want to make it really bad, but I won't be crushed because I know I did my best," Stimpson said before the final round was posted.

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Hundreds enjoy trains, tiny terrain at open house

By Kelly A. Seitz
Times-News correspondent

FRER - Whistling engines and rattling cabooses greeted visitors to the model railroad display at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds Saturday afternoon.

About 12 trains chugged around the four tracks that local railroaders built 11 years ago.

"We've expanded and enlarged the tracks and terrain over the years. There's actually thousands of dollars of model work that we run our trains on," Jim Willis of Twin Falls said.

Twelve of the 15 members of the Magic Valley Model Railroad Group brought out their trains Saturday.

One of the model builders, Gary Darnack of Filer, won an award from other modelers plus the most popular model award in a Boise display for a beer pier which is on the Magic Valley group's main layout.

He also made a big bridge that goes across a dike in the display building on the Filer fairgrounds.

"Gary is an important builder and creator of our models. He's an excellent modeler," Willis said.

Up to six trains can run simultaneously on the tracks over mountains, through tunnels and over bridges. If you close your eyes, you can imagine riding in one of the "HO" scale trains. "HO" means that a 9-inch engine about corresponds to Eastern Idaho Railroad's 65-foot-long engines that can be seen on tracks in the Magic Valley.

The cargo trains and passenger trains all have working lights and sounds, as do the buildings and tunnels on the layout.

About 400 or 500 people visited the open house Saturday.

Willis said. But anyone can see the display from 1 to 3 p.m. on most Saturdays in the photography/railroad building on the northeast side of the fairgrounds.

The local model railroaders also travel - with another train layout - to different areas to display during the year.

"It's a lot of fun, and I enjoy creating the models," Dietrick said.

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Rumors fly over Castle Rocks

By John Zebrowski
Times-News writer

ALMO - The deal was supposed to be a secret, but in a small town, it was bound to leak out.

The National Park Service, which owns the nearby City of Rocks National Reserve, would like to acquire Castle Rocks, a 1,200-acre plot with granite spires and good fields for grazing three miles northeast of the park. The plan, according to Ned Jackson, City of Rocks superintendent, is to eventually turn part of Castle Rocks into a park owned by the state of Idaho.

In no way, he said, is the reserve planning to expand. But as word spread through the area, this is exactly what people began to think.

"Everyone thinks they're planning to grow big time," said Brent Jones, a rancher who lives in Almo.

Jackson insists this isn't true. The Park Service is hoping to purchase the land, but not in the way everyone thinks.

The reason for the acquisition, according to Yvonne Ferrell, head of the state Department of

"When the state government wants to make a new park, size should be notified at least a little bit."

- Dennis Erickson, neighboring land owner

Parks and Recreation, is to fix a long-standing problem with Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument.

When the monument was created ten years ago, a major tract of land within its boundaries was still owned by the state. This led to bookkeeping problems, Ferrell said, and eventually to a search for an appropriate parcel the National Park Service could trade to the state in return for the land inside the monument.

When the owner of property at Castle Rocks said he would sell, Ferrell said it appeared the answer had been found.

"They been looking to trade us out of there for years," she said.

"They don't even own the heart of their own park. This is a good opportunity for them to acquire it."

The initial buyer of the land would not be the Uncle Sam or the state, Jackson said, but the Conservation Fund - a private group that puts up money for land in jeopardy and then is reimbursed by the government.

Jackson would not disclose the purchase price or the name of the property owner in order to protect his privacy. At this point, the two sides have signed an intent agreement but have not closed the deal.

Many local residents are unhappy with the secrecy surrounding the purchase. While Ferrell said early publicity would have killed the deal, Dennis Erickson, who owns land that abuts Castle Rocks, said the park service and state parks department owed it to neighbors to inform them what was happening.

"All we've heard about this until now are rumors," he said. "People can buy property whenever they want and tell no one."

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Agency says \$250M of child support is past due

New federal laws add 17,000 collection cases for Idaho

By Lashelle Casner
Times-News writer

SUPPLY - Nationally, child support collection problems have proven to overwhelming task Congress enacted several new child support laws.

The most recent of those laws, enacted in October, added 17,000 cases to the state's caseload. And while Idaho is not the only state where child support collection problems were rampant, the state is \$250 million behind in collecting child support.

The new law requires states to handle all child support cases. Those cases include ones formerly handled in court, even those where the noncustodial parent

is willing to pay, said-Barley attorney Mark Ingram.

The 17,000 collection cases added to state Child Support Services books were brought in by the new federal law to 75,000, said Bill Walker, spokesman for the Department of Health and Welfare.

The state's strategy

In terms of \$320 million currently owed for child support in Idaho, \$250 million of that is "past due," said Amy Kirkwood, of the public information department for CSS in Boise.

Although the state is far behind in collecting delinquent support, CSS has not hired more employees.

The number of clients receiving cash assistance has dropped over the past two years, in the wake of welfare reform. Caseworkers, no longer needed to process cash assistance, handle child support collection instead, Walker said.

The state uses several tools to collect

child support.

A 1996 law allows the state to take driver's and professional licenses from those who are 90 days delinquent.

A 1997 law requires employers to report all new hires within 20 days to the Department of Labor.

"We get that list and look for matches to delinquent noncustodial parents," Walker said.

The law which went into effect in October changed the way attorneys handle divorces involving children.

A mandatory form for CSS was given wages without having to go back to court, if the noncustodial parent is more than 30 days behind on child support.

Attorneys still handle custody-related issues but it is the state's responsibility to go after delinquent parents.

In his experience handling divorce and custody cases, Ingram has learned there are many noncustodial parents who are willing to pay and have never been delinquent. But under the new law, the state automatically withholds wages of every

parent who is responsible for payments, Ingram said.

Willing to pay, unwilling to pay

One parent who is willing to pay, who said he has never missed a payment, is Jeff Fowler of Burley.

Fowler, who has worked at Amalgamated Sugar full time for about eight years, pays \$300 a month to support his daughter.

"By the time I pay the bills and then \$300 plus half of all medical bills, it almost chokes me out," he said. "If I had to pay any more I'd probably lose my car or house."

He does not begrudge his daughter dance lessons and the lawn do and all the extras.

"I love my daughter but if they go after any more I'll go in jail," he said.

But those who do pay make it hard for the parents who do.

"We are being penalized for it," he said. As a therapist at Clearwater Counseling, Please see SUPPORT, Page B3

Drama

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...the was one of nearly 600 students from 54 Idaho high schools competing in the annual high school drama tournament.

They all converged on Twin Falls High School Friday and Saturday to compete for medals in theatrical theater and solo and group performances. A different city hosts the tournament each year.

The top schools in the competition took home trophies. Burley High School finished second overall in schools with more than 600 students. Boise High School was first. Shoshone High School tied for second and Gooding High School took third among smaller schools.

The students did a lot of sleeping, eating and talking while waiting for results after each round, so when the results came the excitement grew.

When the final-round rosters were taped up, the teen actors who paced the hall stood up and elbowed for position to see whether their numbers had made the cut.

To find out who made it, just follow the screams and shouts of joy.

Rocks

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But when the state government wants to make a new park, we should be notified at least a little bit.

Jackson has heard the rumors, too - and he's gotten phone calls from people wondering if they are true. In order to combat some wild tales, he has organized a meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Almo Church. The gathering will be what Ferrell described as informative, but not too specific.

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Magic Valley's winning acts

Ensemble winners: First - Anderson by R. Cui and K.C. Swisher from Burley High School. Third - Ordinary People by T. Jones and N. Hutchinson from Burley High School. Solo auditions: First - The Girl Mary (Oedipus Rex) by R. Cui Davidson from Shoshone High School. Original humorist: First - 4 Low Story Adapted by K.C. Swisher and Cheyanne Harris from Burley High School. Costumes: Third - Hamlet by R. Cui Davidson and A. Shell from Burley High School. Scene design: Second - Complete Works of William Shakespeare Adapted by Jermi Nelson from Gooding High School.

Simpson didn't make it, but she knows signing isn't easy thing. "That's OK," she said. "I know I did my best."

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From a personal standpoint, Sheridan worries people will not respect the boundaries of the park - and hop the fence to climb rocks on his property. As Jackson said, it's not just private property when there are so many people around.

But Sheridan said there are other, deeper concerns if Castle Rocks becomes a state park. The area is prime winter range for deer, he said, and migration territory for cougars.

"It's a small enough area up there that if people are climbing the rocks the lions are going to leave," he said. "It's going to upset the balance."

Ecosystem balance is precisely why the purchase should go forward, Jackson said. Castle Rocks, like the City of Rocks, is a unique, pristine area that's ripe for development unless protected.

"I'm sure it will be subordinated," he said. "It would be a major loss to lose this piece."

Look at southern Idaho as a whole - there are not many places that haven't already been damaged by development. We need to save this."

Sheridan agrees. Where he differs, though, is from whom it needs to be saved.

"It just seems like we're going to spend a lot of money there to protect something that is doing fine on its own," he said. "The best thing they could do for it is to back off and leave it alone."

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800 child support cases. And new cases come all the time.

"As divorce becomes more prevalent, cases increase," Kirkwood said. "The caseloads have to take them one at a time, on an individual basis."

Tracking. A large number of noncustodial parents move to another state.

Paternity issues. This happens when a man disputes being the father to a child.

An uncooperative mother.

DECEMBER SNOW



Randy Dumas, 9, of White schools snow off the Raft River Elementary School basketball court during recess Friday morning. Blowing cold didn't faze the students as they enjoyed the first December snow.

Governors promote 'enlibra' cooperation

PHOENIX (AP) — Castle Rockers, conservationists, government regulators and others met for hours over two days, talking about how environmental issues could be resolved faster, cheaper and with less conflict.

Some of the more than 250 people participating in the summit, sponsored by the Western Governors' Association, found common ground on several issues.

Gov. Michael Leavitt, a leading proponent of the new "enlibra" doctrine that was the summit's focus, likened it to business' total quality management approach.

"People began to buy into it. It became a shared doctrine of management," Leavitt told a small group of summit participants during a brainstorming session. "We're trying to manage with a shared doctrine of environmental management."

Enlibra's principles include using shared standards but trying to find local solutions, rewarding results, replacing mandates with incentives, increasing environmental understanding and crossing political boundaries when problems transcend them.

Enlibra is a word is pulled from the Latin words "en" and "libra," meaning to move toward balance.

Leavitt and others said the concepts in enlibra aren't new but that it can be a symbol to focus public attention on the idea that there are better ways than costly court fights and bickering public relations wars to find solutions to complex issues.

Those issues, Leavitt said, often seemingly pit jobs against preservation, open space against housing and one generation's needs against those of another.

"There's got to be a balance here because these are needs that people have," he said.

Kathy Roediger, a Phoenix banker who is the Sierra Club's Arizona chair, said she remained skeptical but was "willing to go along."

The governors defended their project, with Wyoming Gov. Jim Geringer saying there was a hunger for civility in environmental debates.

Boise man wins Rhodes scholarship

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thirty-two American students were selected Saturday as Rhodes scholars including a cancer survivor, a Dominican emigrant who developed expertise in science while learning to speak English, a student body president who led an effort to discourage the waving of the Confederate flag at school sports events, and a Boise man, Bobak Robert Asamian, who is attending Rice University.

Rhodes scholarships provide two or three years study at the University of Oxford in England. The Rhodes scholarships, oldest of the international study awards available to American students, were created in 1902 by the will of Cecil Rhodes, British philanthropist and colonial pioneer.

With the selections announced late Saturday, 2,854 American students have won Rhodes scholarships since the first selection in 1903. The 32 recipients were chosen from 909 applicants endorsed by 310 colleges and universities. Ninety-six applicants from 67 colleges and universities reached the final stage of the competition.

In this year's competition, Rhodes Scholars were selected for the first time from Drexel University, Iona College, Loyola College in Maryland and Loyola University in New Orleans. This was the first time Howard University has had an American student win the honor, said Elliott Gerson, American secretary of the Rhodes Scholarship Trust.

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Ketchum council to discuss alley, bike path

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KETCHUM - The Ketchum City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at City Hall.

First on the agenda is a public hearing regarding Robert Glen's application to vacate a portion of relocated alley right of way in front of Williams Market. A continued hearing on the Bigwood Homeowners Association's application to remove a section of bike path between Clubhouse Drive and Sawtooth Lane follows.

Public comment time includes a quarterly chamber update.

During the planning and zoning session, the council will discuss the cost estimate for landscape improvements to City Hall and consider these applications:

- To construct a driveway at 140 Telemark Road in the Bigwood Planned Unit Development Subdivision.

- To subdivide the future location of Phase II of Central Park Condominiums Phase I at 135 Bird Drive into eight more condominium units.

- For a townhouse development in the Chateaux of Northwood Subdivision at 101, 11, 150, 140 and 130 Red Fox Lane.
- To subdivide The

Townhomes at River Run at 297 Wood River Drive into three additional townhouse cabins.

- From Ketchum Corner to locate an awning with the Second Street right of way adjacent to 290 Second St. E.
- To subdivide a lot in the Zerk Park Subdivision at 724 Fourth Ave. N. into two townhouse cabins.

Other scheduled business

includes the Bill Janess Activity Center's lease agreement for the Park-n-Ride lot; Living Architecture's presentation for a street building; and a proposal from CHEZMILL for engineering services during construction at the Ketchum-Sun Valley Sewage Treatment Plant.

An executive session concludes the meeting.

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BURLEY - Snow and ice on Interstate 84 caused a one-car rollover that killed an Oregon man Friday evening, the Idaho State Police said.

Elias Bautista, 28, of Baker City was thrown from his pickup truck when it rolled into the median

around 5 p.m. at mile 204, the ISP said.

Two passengers, Chastity McGuire, 22, and Adam McGuire, 6, both of Baker City, were thrown from the car. Chastity McGuire

was in stable condition Saturday at Minidoka Memorial Hospital with head injuries, and Adam McGuire was trapped and released at the same hospital, the ISP said. No one was wearing a seat belt.

Catch the action everyday in The Times-News Sports section.

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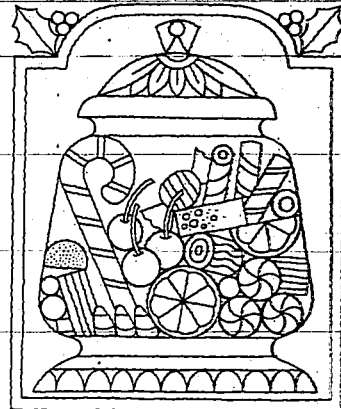
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Cell phone tower goes to appeal

SANFORD, AP — A neighborhood which mobilized against a proposed 140-foot cell phone tower at Cuccinella Lake has prevailed so far.

The Shoshone County commissioners Thursday voted to appeal a conditional-use permit granted to Western Wireless Corp. in October. The cell phone company is planning to lease property from Idaho Forest Industries. It is located near several homes, however.

Neighbors complained the company could have chosen a more remote spot on the property, but picked the close to their homes because of easy access to power and roads. They disliked the idea of a tower as their view, as well as the possibility living near one could be unhealthy.

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Idaho tax officials target holiday craft bazaars

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Christmas craft shows with miniature teddy bears and homemade wooden toys are coming under the watchful eye of the Idaho Tax Commission.

Events such as the Home School Christmas Craft Bazaar are breaking the law if they neglect to pay state sales tax.

In fact, almost any time any group sells merchandise without a seller's permit or fails to collect that 5 percent tax, it is illegal. It does not matter if it is a church holding a rummage sale, a Boy Scout troop selling Christmas trees or even a few neighbors holding a garage sale.

Armed with three newly hired compliance officers, the commission is more stringently enforcing that part of the tax code. Officials say they are following the law,

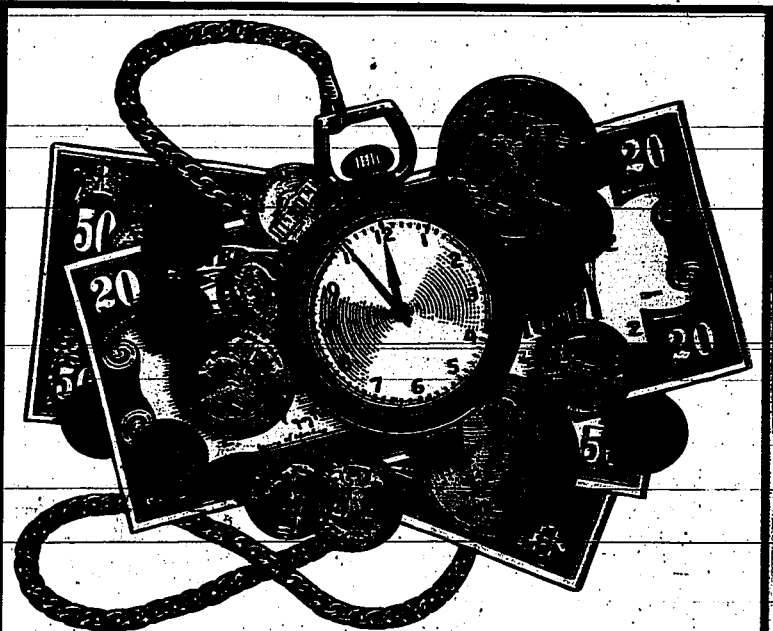
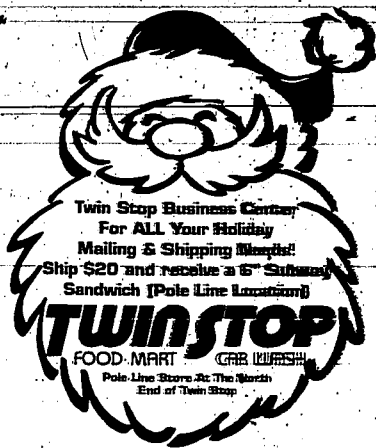
but others contend the law needlessly targets those who make small change selling homemade and secondhand items.

"The people in Boise have gotten a little overreaching," said Will Nitty of St. Maries. "They're encompassing two-bit craft shows and yard sales."

He has sold wind chimes, Noah's arks and cutting boards at a bazaar at Harrison Elementary School. The Parent Teacher Organization holds the bazaar each year to raise money for things like playground equipment.

Nitty said the requirement to collect sales tax and arrange permits means the PTO may stop holding the event.

"My kids are only making nickels and dimes," said Anita Brand, who coordinates the bazaar.



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Now we all know with the rapidly changing new technology, that computers are our friends, but let's not let them take over our games.



ABOUT THE GAME
Francis Davis

Before UCLA and Kansas State lost and suspended their three major college football programs went into the weekend with a chance to finish the season undefeated. Only two of those teams were going to have a chance to play for the national title at the Fiesta Bowl.

That isn't right.

Tennessee, UCLA, and Kansas State each have had outstanding years, but their losses were largely in the hands of a computer and a program that picks the top dog based not only on wins and losses, but such things as strength of schedule, victory margin and average yards per game.

Why?

In years past, polls by sportswriters and coaches picked the nation's best football team. Admittedly, there were some problems. (The Paterson's Nittany Lions finished the season undefeated three times without winning a national title, while bowl affiliations sometimes kept the two best teams from meeting on the field.)

Now the Bowl Championship Series was set up to avoid the problems of the past by choosing two teams to play in a designated championship game.

But it wasn't worked.

Though logically sound, the BCS was flawed from the start.

Why introduce something as mundane as a computer program into something as dynamic as college football season?

Aside from Fantasy Football folks, who can get pumped up about the output of a computer program?

Are they people for you, COBOL?

I don't think so.

The BCS is such a sorry way to determine a champion, that even one of its main creators, MIT professor Jeff Leach, has reservations.

I sort of hope the rankings will end up in a strange decimal ending and people say it's not right for somebody to be ranked .50, because said in a recent USA Today article. "The idea of people to see life doesn't work that perfectly."

Overlooking the fact that he uses "decimal" as a verb, Leach has his upon the existence of the BCS program. It's BS.

As to BCSing.

Short of a playoff system, nothing will assure that the two best teams will meet in a title game, so why not keep the appropriate world of computer science out of the lovely low-brow world of sports?

For instance, let's hope the NFL doesn't bring back instant replay.

Certainly, instant replay will help get a call or two right, but consider the flip-

Imagine if you will, it's 1981 all over again.

Here's the great Joe Montana driving down the field against the Dallas Cowboys in the NFC Championship.

With seconds left on the clock, Montana fires a ball over the outstretched fingertips of Ed "The Tall One" Jones, the tight end in the back of the endzone. Touchdown! The Catch! The 49ers destroy a dynasty and begin a decade of dominance.

But wait. Just wait. What's going on?

The officials haven't signaled a touchdown. Instead they are huddled around a TV monitor on the sidelines. The players look on one another in confusion. The crowd is silent.

But wait. There's a moment of silence.

Hey, it's simple. Sports ain't brain surgery. Mistakes are part of the game. Instant replay is the official.

And oh yes, down on our imaginary knees. The officials are finally ready to make the call.

No catch, Dwight Clark's big left toe out of bounds. Does it?

Doesn't second instant, does it?

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Dixie shuts down CSI

By Damon Clark
Times-News writer

ST. GEORGE, Utah - The Golden Eagles couldn't repeat the magic at Burns Arena, Saturday night.

Returning to the court where it beat Dixie for what amounted to the Scenic West Athletic Conference title last February, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team dropped its second league game of the weekend, 58-49 to the seventh-ranked Rebels.

"We had a game plan, and we followed the game plan very well," said CSI coach Kevin Jones. "We just had a spell where they got hot."

It was an unusually low-scoring game between two high-scoring programs, punctuated by a mutual five-minute scoring drought midway through the second half.

Maurice Baker hit a 3-pointer and Khalid Courney added a bucket off a steal seconds later to make the Dixie lead 44-34 with 10:24 to play. The score stayed there until Baker tipped in a Courtney miss at 5:45.

"That was our plan," Jones said. "We wanted to come in here and control the tempo. We can't just come in here and run up and down with (Dixie) because they're deep."

Frederick House led all scorers with 18 points for the Rebels, and Baker added 16. Juliano Jordani led CSI with 17 points and Adria McCullough added 13.

The Golden Eagles didn't score a point from the field from the time Jordani took a full-court pass from Curtis Bobb in for two press-break-

Pease see MEN, Page C2

Wegner's timeless toss dooms Dixie

By Damon Clark
Times-News writer

ST. GEORGE, Utah - After her team fell victim to a suffocating full-court for almost an entire game, CSI freshman Kim Wegner had a wide open space all to herself and the Dixie chicks went down.

The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team, rallied

huge in the second half, watched as the Rebels' comeback to the game in the final second, then got a clutch free throw shot on the clock to a 59-56 win at Burns Arena.

Dixie's Carolyn Hester on two free throws went 23 out of 24 in the second half, the match in 61 after CSI had taken a 12-point lead with three minutes left.

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Kimberly takes revenge

Declo loses in another thriller

By John Derr
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY - Eight months ago Declo and Kimberly battled in what some consider the best basketball game played in state history. The Hornets took the state title with a last-second 75-foot heave.

Friday's game matched that game in excitement as the Bulldogs' Rich Arrossa nailed a 3-pointer with eight seconds left and Declo's Seth Christensen missed a shot at the buzzer giving Kimberly the 67-66 victory in nonconference boys' basketball action.

However, the night will be remembered by those who watched it as a basketball game that turned into a football game.

"It got pretty physical," said Kimberly coach Roger Keller. "The teams combined for 48 fouls and even that was not enough as players hit the floor and bodies were flying all night."

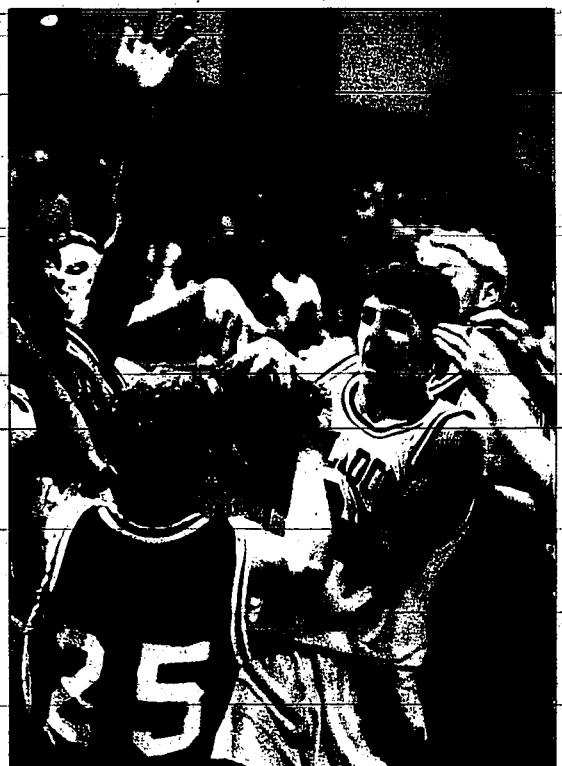
The Hornets led for most of the game and had a 12-point advantage going into the final period. The Bulldogs put on a full court press and battled back.

"The fourth quarter we extended the defense and were more aggressive," added Keller. "It was a good win for us, the kids battled back."

Philip Knight tied the score at 60-60 with a steal and layup with 3:22 remaining to set up another dramatic finish between the teams.

Christensen put the Hornets back on top with a short jumper and increased the lead to three with a free throw. Knight converted another steal and layup and Arrossa tied it at 64-64 with one from the charity stripe.

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Kimberly's Rich Arrossa fights for a rebound against a swarm of Declo Hornets led by Kjer Howard. The Bulldogs overcame a 12-point deficit in the second half to win the game 67-66 on a three-pointer with eight seconds remaining in the game.

TF boys drop home opener

Powerful Wolves grab 85-50 win

By Jeff Rosen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Bruins were outrebounded, outscored and outmanned on Saturday night, and the home high school boys' basketball team suffered a crushing 85-50 loss.

The Wolves' offensive was offensive and defensive was defensive from the start, scoring three baskets every time the Bruins hauled in. They made a 15-0 lead in less than five minutes and set the Bruins on their heels at halftime, 44-12, an 80 percent from the field a first period to the Bruins, 11-0.

"We just got ahead in rebounding," Twin Falls coach Don Vagstad said. "We wanted to control the game, and they ran great rebound actions. They shot around it."

Dave Bellows' defensive efficiency drove down and under scoring, and the Wolves were just bright spots for Twin Falls in the first half. The Bruins played with little anxiety through the first 16 minutes, while the Wolves' lead. When they were a slow of turnover and hit it up with steady accuracy, a trio of 3-pointers, and 15 points by halftime.

"It's hard to make a game to get them inside and outside," Vagstad said. "And they came out strong."

When White started out, he had a slow pace, and the men or short-puller runners, he felt the pressure. The Wolves' men, John Bell, two, Billy, and Tim, and Tim, were finished with 22, 10, and 10 points, respectively, while the Wolves' Justin Stevenson, and all others with 10.

The Bruins' rebound, and Pease see MEN, Page C2

Air Force takes to the air, bombs BYU

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS - Air Force usually takes care of its football business on the ground. To win its only outright Western Athletic Conference championship, however, the Falcons had to do what WAC teams usually do - go to the air.

With Air Force's vaunted option offense shut down by Brigham Young, the Falcons used a 59-yard pass play to Man Farmer late in the fourth quarter Saturday to beat BYU 20-13 in the final WAC game for both teams.

"I knew if I got the ball out to him he was off to the races," Air Force quarterback Blaine Morgan said of the double-screen pass to Farmer that put the Falcons ahead for the first time in the game.

After a league renewed over the years for wide-open passing offenses, it seemed fitting that the WAC's final football championship game would be decided by a long pass play.

But instead of pass-happy BYU throwing its way to a 20th conference title, it was an Air Force pass that gave the 17-ranked Falcons their first title in their last WAC game. Both teams are leaving for the Mountain West Conference next year.

"It was ironic that we had to win the game on a pass play," Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry said. "They stopped our running game so we had to pass."

The Falcons (11-1, 8-1 WAC) trailed 13-7 and appeared beaten when a limping Blaine Morgan threw a short pass to Farmer, who raced untouched down the left side to put Air Force ahead 14-13 with 3:49 left.

"We felt we dominated them defensively and were picking up enough yards on offense," BYU linebacker Derek Stevenson said. "Then we looked up at the scoreboard and we were all of a sudden losing and that kind of shocked us."

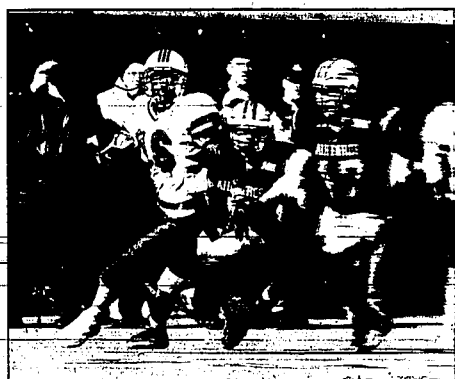
Air Force had shared two WAC titles in previous years, but had never won one on its own. When it finally did, it came in the team's last conference game.

"I wanted to bad for this team to have a ring of its own," DeBerry said.

Air Force added another touchdown when Stanley Gilliam ran 29 yards with 2:13 left after BYU turned the ball over on downs. The kick failed, though, giving the Cougars one last shot at a tying score.

BYU could not move the ball, however, and when Kevin Petersen's fourth-down pass failed with 33 seconds left, the Falcons secured the win.

"We moved the ball on them. We had everything going for us," BYU coach LaVell Edwards said. "But our inability to score killed us."



Brigham Young's Ronnie Jenkins rushes as Air Force's Travis Mattingly, right, and Tim Derr pursue during the first half of the WAC Championship in Las Vegas Saturday.

White lifts Hagerman over Wendell



Indiana's A.J. Guyton, left, hits a three-point shot over Temple's Mark Harker for the game winner with 5.5 seconds to play in Bloomington, Ind., Saturday.

Indiana trims Temple on last-second trey

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. 57-41 Guyton, off inbounds from 3-point range for most of the game, connected with 5.5 seconds left as No. 16 Indiana pulled its last 10th-ranked Temple.

Indiana (8-1) overcame a nine-point deficit in the final eight minutes as Temple (4-3) dropped its second consecutive non-conference game after losing for the first time this season 73-70 at Pennsylvania in overtime.

With Temple leading 52-43, Kirk Haxton started Indiana's comeback with a layup and two free throws. Indiana tied the game at 56 on consecutive 3-pointers by Luke Recker and Guyton, who had missed his first eight shots from behind the arc and then made his final two.

Connecticut 82, Michigan 68

STORRS, Conn. — Top-ranked Connecticut used some ground-and-pound to beat No. 19 Michigan State 82-68 Saturday, their second win over a ranked team since becoming No. 1.

With precision, A.J. America Richard Hamilton struggling with his shooting in the second straight game, the Huskies (4-0) got 21 points from point guard Khalid El-Amin, 17 from sophomore center Jake Vaskuli and 16 from power forward Kevin Foreman.

No. 4 Duke 89, N. Carolina 89

DURHAM, N.C. — No. 4 Duke held its chase for a third straight Atlantic Coast Conference regular season title by routing overturn-prone North Carolina.

No. 6 Cincinnati 106, Oakland, Mich. 78

CINCINNATI — No. 6 Cincinnati, which normally likes to use muscle opponents around the basket, was content to fire from long range and set a school record for 3-pointers by beating Oakland, Mich.

College basketball

ranked Kansas Jayhawks (5-1) dominated the stubborn Pepperdine in the second half of the game.

Ill. 68, Kentucky 74, Miami 65

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Scott Palfrey broke out of a shooting slump with three key 3-pointers and Michael Bradley scored a career-high 19 points as No. 8 Kentucky held off Miami.

No. 12 Syracuse 95, Santa Clara 75

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Jason Bart scored 24 points and Preston Stanger added 13 as No. 12 Syracuse (7-1) breezed past Santa Clara in the consolation game of the CCAA.

No. 13 Arizona 94, Wyoming 84

PHOENIX — Jason Terry scored 23 points and A.J. Brantley 24, both career highs, as 13th-ranked Arizona stormed from nine points down in the final 12 minutes to beat Wyoming, The Wildcats (4-0) shook off a rocky start to a 24-2 game.

No. 14 Purdue 71, No. 23 Xavier 57

CINCINNATI — Jarean Cornell scored 23 points and led a second-half surge as No. 14 Purdue overcame a sluggish start to beat Xavier's game.

Wisconsin-Green Bay 76, No. 22 Miami, Ohio 60

GREEN BAY, Wis. — B.J. Lurie opened the second half with 12 points to lead the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay in an upset over Miami.

No. 25 St. John's 74, Boston Coll. 55

BOSTON — Tyrone Grant scored 25 points and grabbed nine rebounds as No. 25 St. John's beat Boston College in the teams' Big East opener.

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WENDELL — A three-point goal hit by Hagerman's Jessica White with 30 seconds left put the Pirates over the Trojans 30-24.

"We had the lead in the fourth quarter," said Wendell coach Ryan Pope. "Then Jessica hit the three-pointer and they hit their free throws down the stretch."

The trey was White's only points for the game. Leading Hagerman's scoring was Mendi Henslee with nine.

Only two members scored for the Trojans, Tracy Brandtma with 12 and Lauren Haycock with 15. Haycock had the only other three-point goal in the game.

Wendell falls 1-5, challenging Filer on Tuesday.

Shoshone 47, Richfield 30

RICHFIELD — The Shoshone girls' basketball squad jumped out to an early lead and held on to defeat the Tigers in a Northside conference game 47-30.

"By half time we caught up 19-21," said Richfield coach Jim Thomas. "But they put the man-to-man pressure back on us in the third and we had a lot of turnovers. They got a 10 to 12 point lead and that kind of blew it away."

On the Richfield squad, each player that scored also hit a three-pointer for the Tigers for a total of four.

Richfield falls 0-2 in the conference, 17 overall. The Tigers take on Camas County on Fairfield on Tuesday.

Hillcrest 57, Jerome 46

IDAHO FALLS — Hillcrest staged off the Tigers in the second half to get the victory in non-conference girls' basketball Saturday night.

"We played well in the second quarter," said Jerome head coach Michelle Skyles. "We just had a real hard time shooting in the second half, we just couldn't buy a basket."

Melissa Green led the offense for the Tigers with 16 points on the night.

Jerome (6-2) travel to Pocatello

High school sports

on Thursday.

Valley 50, Nampa JV 42

MARSING — The Vikings stepped up in the second half and got the victory against Nampa junior varsity in non-conference girls' basketball Saturday night.

"I think the first half we were a little tentative," said Valley coach Brian Kinney. "The girls did a lot better job in the second half. They started playing their kind of ball."

Valley (2-2) plays host to Wendell Saturday.

Gooding 44, Glenns Ferry 40

GOODING — The Senators held off Glenns Ferry in a non-conference game Saturday night for their second win of the season, 44-40.

"We had a real good goal," said Gooding coach Ty Jones. "We were up by 12 and we just held on."

Glenns Ferry came alive again in the third quarter to come within one point of the Senators.

"We stepped up defensively in the fourth and held them to only two points," Jones said. "It was a game of streaks. Ours was in the first half, theirs was in the third quarter. Other than that it was pretty even."

Jones was pleased with the defense of Matt Beers, who held Bernabe Ortiz to only six points.

Gooding improves to 2-0 and travels to Valley on Friday.

Dietrich 39, Raft River 78

RAFT RIVER — The Trojans exploded in the fourth quarter outscoring Dietrich 31-4 to get their first win in non-conference boys' basketball Saturday night.

"It was a really close game for three quarters," said Raft River head coach Gary Elsensohn. "They did an outstanding job on the offensive boards that kept them in the game."

Idaho Falls 81, Burley 71

IDAHO FALLS — The Bobcats' first quarter play hurt their chances against Idaho Falls in boys' basketball action Saturday night, the Tigers taking the 81-71 win.

"Our first half we didn't play well," said Burley coach Allen Davis. "We played better in the second half. We worked out offense more patiently and shot better. The difference between the two halves is what helped, but it's hard to overcome a 20-point lead."

Aaron Bradley led the Bobcats with 30 points, Micah Adams followed with 24. The Bobcats fall 1-1, their next game on their court against Highland.

Idaho Falls (2-1) travels to Burley on Tuesday.

Middleton 54, Buhl 39

BUHL — Middleton outscored Buhl 17-3 in the third quarter to seal the game in non-conference boys' basketball action Saturday night.

"I think basically we came out cold shooting in the first half," said Middleton coach Kevin Cato. "We let it get to us and never bounced back. The second and third quarters our shots went down."

Brad Russ led the Indians scoring with 12.

Buhl (1-1) travels to Glenns Ferry on Thursday.

Skyline 62, Minico 45

IDAHO FALLS — Skyline opened up the game over Minico in the second quarter and didn't look back as the Spartans fell in non-conference boys' basketball Saturday night.

"The first quarter was fairly close," said Minico assistant coach Kelly Armit. "They made a little run at the end of the first and upped it in the second. We made a run on them in the fourth but we made a few too many turnovers. The kids gave a pretty good effort."

Minico (0-2) plays host to Blackfoot on Wednesday.

Other scores

Kuna 48, Jerome 41

Castleford 70, Hansen 38

More than 200 turn out for Reindeer Rumble

By Jeff Rosen

Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Organizers of this year's Reindeer Rumble Fun Run/Walk have been petitioned for a change in turnout.

Some 228 participants braved downright frigid morning temperatures Saturday to compete in the sixth running of the event, held annually in conjunction with the Festival of Trees, which this year is raising money and awareness for the Magic Valley Breast Cancer Endowment and area Quilt Response Units.

"The cold is stopping anybody," said Sharon Parks, special programs coordinator for the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation. "It's a wonderful thing that's just growing and growing."

Whereas fewer than 180 runners and walkers showed up last year, at least that many pre-registered prior to race day 1998, and still more signed up that morning. They arrived a small army Saturday, bedecked in earmuffs,

gloves, scarves and hats — several donned St. Nick's trademark red and white number — and ready to race.

"Through the years, we've run it in rain, ice, you name it," Parks said. "It's really for the fun."

Maybe, but recreational athletes from all walks of life took part this year.

Some, like Ray Estrada, a Burley High School senior and member of the Bobcat track and cross-country team, ran full time. Estrada crossed the finish line first overall competing in the 2-mile run.

Others walked and enjoyed a chilly but leisurely morning with family. As cold as it was Saturday — around 25 degrees at the start of the race — the skies above were sunny enough to keep the mood festive.

"She was awake as we passed Vella," said Voni Albertson of Twin Falls, determined to do better. "It was 27 months warm and sound asleep in her stroller." "She didn't want to be covered up with a blanket. I was thinking we

should get a baby sitter, but she was just fine. She fell asleep right before we crossed the finish line."

"The enthusiasm of run/hiker person Kelly Gibbons, a teacher at Acorn, drew 50 children from that school alone, among them Albertson's first-grade son Colby, and, in turn, Voni and Cordelia.

"Kelly's brought the bulk of the turnout," Parks said. "It's just wonderful."

Many more children from other schools showed up as well, along with an assortment of parent school kids, dogs and siblings. The youngest participant Saturday was Erik Harris, age 4, the eldest Harriet Denton, 83.

Except for perhaps the young male runner who sprinted to the finish line, however, Estrada stole the show, blazing through the chute in a time of 12:29 in his gray Burley sweat suit and maroon shorts.

My coach gave me a paper about the run telling me to come out in preparation for the track season," Estrada said as his

father looked on. "At first I was cold, but the next mile I warmed up."

Estrada's time might have been even faster had he not become disoriented at the halfway point of the 2-mile race.

"I got lost and got slowed down at the halfway point," he smiled.

Following the run and walk, events Saturday, all entrants were invited to stay for bagels, yogurt and lots of hot chocolate.

"Considering the success of this year's Reindeer Rumble, Parks hopes to raise in the neighborhood of \$3,500. A gala celebration opened the Festival of Trees Wednesday night, a seniors' tea was held on Thursday, and "Candy Cane Corner," a crafts event for children, was staged Saturday afternoon.

More walk and race results can be found in today's Scores and Stats — page C2.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Phenom tosses 10 TDs

WHEELING, W.Va. — All-time high school passing leader J.R. House tied a national record with 10 touchdown passes and threw for 594 yards to lead Nitro over Morgantown 69-52 Saturday for the state high school Class AAA championship.

After spotting the Morgantown 60 lead in the first 13 seconds of the game, Nitro scored 28 first-quarter points, highlighted by House's four touchdown tosses and 208 yards passing.

By halftime, House, a 6-foot-2, 215-pound senior, had six touchdown passes and Nitro had a 41-6 lead.

House ended the game with 41 completions in 60 attempts, with only the one interception.

Show beats Dixie in Rotary

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Cody Jamison ran for

three touchdowns and Snow College scored 27 unanswered points in the second and third quarters to beat Dixie College 40-20 in the 13th annual Dixie Rotary Bowl Saturday.

Jamison, a 5-foot-9, sophomore running back, gained 113 yards on 15 carries, including scoring runs of 25, 3 and 32 yards.

Josh Hagedorn added two touchdown passes for the Badgers (4-2).

After the Badgers (4-2) made the score at 13-13 in the second quarter, Jamison ran three yards for the time of four consecutive touchdowns by seventh-ranked Snow.

Two minutes after Jamison's short touchdown pass, Hagedorn threw a 70-yard scoring pass to Mark Laves to give the Badgers a 26-13 halftime lead.

The victory helped Snow average a season-ending 44-45 overtime loss to Dixie, and also gave the Badgers their first Rotary Bowl win. In its only other appearance, Snow lost 42-35 against Grand Rapids in 1992.

Swimmer sets U.S. record

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Fourteen-year-old Megan Quann set her third American record at the U.S. Open with a 2:25.55 in the short-course 200-meter breaststroke Saturday.

Quann broke the old record of 2:25.84 set by Kristine Quann in 1993. Quann, a high school freshman from Puyallup, Wash., set the American record in the short-course 100 breaststroke (1:07.41) earlier in the competition.

Natalie Coughlin, 16, of Terrapins Swim Team won the 200 butterfly in the final day of competition in 2:08.32, and it was enough for her to win the high point award with 90.

Coughlin finished the meet with four gold medals and all were meet records. She also set the American record in the 200 backstroke (2:07.46).

Compiled from wire reports

SPORTS

Hurricanes upset No. 3 Bruins No.1 Tennessee stays unbeaten

MIAMI (AP) — So long, UCLA. Edgerrin James scored from one yard out with 50 seconds left on Saturday, giving Miami a wild 49-45 upset over the third-ranked Bruins and ending UCLA's bid for a national championship.

The Bruins (10-1), who staged several comebacks this season to keep their perfect season going, ran out of miracles in the Orange Bowl.

After James, who had a record-setting day with 39 carries for 299 yards and three touchdowns, gave the Hurricanes (8-3) the lead, Cade McNown had one last chance to pull out the win.

The left-hander came close, moving UCLA to the Miami 29 with four seconds left. McNown, who threw for five touchdowns and a school-record 515 yards, lofted a pass into the end zone, but it fell incomplete in a group of receivers and defenders.

And just like that, the Bruins' national title hopes were over and so was their 20-game winning streak.

Instead of waiting to see if they would play in the Fiesta Bowl for the national title, the loss almost definitely sends the Bruins (10-1) to the Rose Bowl as Pac-10 champions to play No. 8 Wisconsin.

The UCLA loss also means No. 6 Arizona will most likely go to the Holiday Bowl instead of making its first trip to the Rose Bowl.

Thousands of fans from the crowd of 46,819 streamed out of the stands to celebrate with the players. Meanwhile, in the corner of the stadium, Bruins wide receiver Brian Foltz-Dixon, who caught two



Miami defensive tackle Matt Sweeney celebrates Miami's upset victory over UCLA Saturday at the Orange Bowl in Miami.

of McNown's TD passes, took off his helmet and slammed it to the ground.

But it was Bruins' defense that did them in Saturday in the makeup of a game that was postponed Sept. 25 because of a hurricane.

UCLA came into the game averaging 40 points, but the defense allowed 25 points and 407 yards per game. Miami piled up a

school-record 689 yards as the Bruins were unable to tackle James or stop quarterback Scott Covington, who hit on 19 of 28 passes for 318 yards and three TDs.

ATLANTA (AP) — At least No. 1 Tennessee stays unbeaten.

Tee Martin, harassed most of the night by incessant blitzing, threw two touchdown passes 28 seconds apart in the fourth quarter and the Volunteers survived wild Saturday, rallying to beat No. 23 Mississippi State 24-14 in the Southeastern Conference championship game.

Tennessee (12-0) assured itself of a chance to play for the national title in the Jan. 4 Fiesta Bowl with a fourth-quarter comeback worthy of a champion.

"We have one more big one to play," coach Phillip Fulmer said.

Mississippi State (8-4) went ahead 14-10 on Kevin Prentiss' 83-yard punt return with 8:43 remaining, but the Volunteers refused to suffer the same fate as Kansas State and UCLA.

"This football team showed an incredible amount of character," he said. "That fourth-quarter finish was typical of what this team was about this year."

Martin, who was 15-of-32 for 208 yards, directed Tennessee's surging offense right down the field, throwing a 41-yard touchdown pass to Peirce Price with 6:15 to go. Then, after Wayne Maddox fumbled on State's next possession, Tennessee needed only one play to score again.

Martin stood in the pocket under heavy pressure, lofting a pass over the shoulder to Cedrick Wilson for the clinching touchdown with 5:47 left.

"They kept going to the well and finally got water," said Mississippi State coach Jackie Sherrill, whose team won its only SEC title in 1941.

One of three undefeated teams at the top of the rankings beginning the day, Tennessee was the only one at the end. No. 2 Kansas State was upset by Texas A&M in the Big 12 championship game, losing 36-33 in double overtime.

while third-ranked UCLA was stunned 49-45 by Miami.

The Vols won't know until Sunday, who their opponent will be in the Fiesta Bowl. But they've accomplished the most important thing — getting there.

Tennessee won its second straight SEC title largely because of its defense, which limited the Bulldogs to 145 yards and didn't allow their offense to score a touchdown.

"The defense played great," said Price, who had 97 yards on six receptions and was named the game's MVP. "They kept us in the game. They gave us a chance to come back."

Mississippi State, a 14-point underdog, put up a tougher fight than expected. Tennessee was held under 200 yards until the fourth quarter, and the Bulldogs had a chance to win because of two long returns.

Robert Hines went 70 yards for a touchdown after intercepting a Martin pass before Prentiss stunned the largely orange-clad crowd at the Georgia Dome with his punt return. He seemed to mesmerize the Tennessee defenders with a stutter step, then burst down the sideline without being touched.

Prentiss had 152 yards on six punt returns, more than Mississippi State's offense could manage even with James Johnson, the SEC's leading rusher, back in the lineup after being hobbled by ankle and shoulder injuries.

The Bulldogs had only 149 yards, including 38 yards on 14 carries by Johnson.

After Tennessee built a 10-7 lead at the half, defense dominated the third quarter. The two teams combined for only 52 yards, but that only set the stage for a thrilling final period.

"We knew Kansas State and UCLA had lost," Price said. "We knew we controlled our own destiny."

Broken railing sends fans tumbling

Army-Navy game incident injures 9

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Army-Navy game was always a thrilling, raucous ride, with the seating in the stands just as important as the game on the field.

On Saturday, a loose railing in 27-year-old Veterans Stadium gave way, sending fans sprawling onto the field in an accident that mangled Army's 34-30 victory.

"We are going to do something for them for selling out for us," said Army quarterback Joe Gerena, voted MVP after rushing for 92 yards including a 69-yard touchdown run. "We asked them to come out and give us all they had. We wanted them to make it loud down there. Unfortunately, somebody got hurt."

The accident occurred after Ty Amey's 70-yard touchdown run gave Army a 31-30 lead. Nine Army cadets and prep students, celebrating for TV cameras after the score, fell about 15 feet onto the field. Seven were expected to be released with injuries such as sprained ankles, necks and backs, said Army Capt. John Cornello, a spokesman at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.

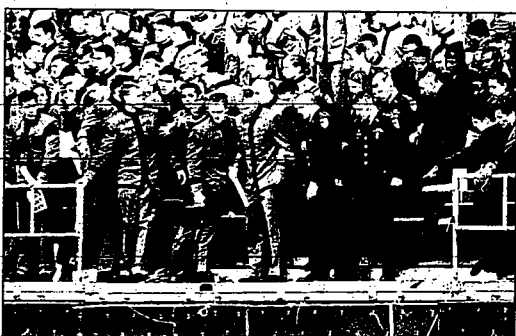
Two were in stable condition but needed more tests, and one broke a bone in his neck, Cornello said.

There is a broken bone in the neck, however his spine is OK and they're doing other tests," Cornello said. "We're extremely worried. We're concerned because cadets wear helmets. They're wearing helmets."

After a 31-minute delay, Eric Olsen's 26-yard field goal provided the final margin as Army (3-8) avenged last year's 39-7 loss to Navy (3-8) at Giants Stadium.

"Our thoughts are prayers go out to them," Army coach Bob Sutton said. "At Army, we try and operate not just as a football team. We are the corps, community and Army all together as one."

Where those guys were injured, it's like one of your own guys going down."



Fans look down after a section of railing broke during the fourth quarter of the Army-Navy football game at Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia Saturday. Nine Army cadets and prep school students were injured when the railing collapsed, sending them tumbling about 15 feet to the artificial turf.

The 64 points broke the previous record of 55, reached in 1959 and 1953. Army took a 48-47 lead in the series, which began in 1890. Army came back from a 30-19 deficit at the start of the fourth quarter, preventing the Midshipmen from winning consecutive games in the series for the first time since 1982-83. It was Army's sixth victory in the last seven years, and the sixth game in the 1990s decided by fewer than five points.

"That's what you expect from Army-Navy," said Army fullback Craig Stacker, who had 70 of his 106 rushing yards on a TD run that cut it to 14-16 with 5:37 left in the second quarter. "It's always a big game for the seniors. We know it's our last game."

Gerena steadied the Cadets after senior

Johnny Goff fumbled on the first two possessions.

"I wasn't sure how much I was going to play," Gerena said. "I knew I was going to do what I could."

The Cadets' decisive touchdown followed. Navy's Matt Hurdan fumbled at the goal line with 8:51 left. Army's Tony Coaxum atoned for getting burned for an earlier touchdown with an interception that stopped Navy's desperation drive with three seconds left.

But the scary accident cast a somber tone over the postgame celebration.

"I think it affected both teams," Navy coach Charlie Weatherbie said. "I have children of my own. I wouldn't want that to happen to anybody's children."

Knight Rider Newspapers

ST. LOUIS — The Kansas State fans could not leave. Draped in their purple, cloaked in hope, they sat in those seats behind the end zone, and they could not leave. The fans walked up and gently patted them on their backs. The ushers told them the game was over.

They could not leave. They were too tired. They were too drained. They were worn out after Kansas State lost to Texas A&M 36-33 Saturday. They were filled with the wordless sadness that goes along with busted dreams and missed chances, and a few of them cried, and a few of them moaned, but most of them just sat there, limp, exhausted, lost.

"There are no words for this feeling," Kansas State offensive lineman Jeremy Martin said.

They could not leave. Just a few minutes earlier — it was just a few minutes, right? — these same people were ecstatic, this part of the TWA Dome shook with purple pompons and preposterous shrieks, it was the greatest moment in the history of Kansas State football. UCLA had lost, and that meant Kansas State's championship

path had been cleared. The Wildcats were in the national championship game! After 103 years, Kansas State had the chance to become the best college football team in America!

This was too crazy, too insane. Can you imagine, Kansas State, No. 12 in the nation, the best team in the country? Look sometime at the gray and black and white photographs of old Kansas State coaches, look at Lud Fiser smiles shyly into the camera. He lasted two seasons, won one game. Ralph Graham blows a whistle in his photograph, sweet, the start of a new beginning, though it was not a beginning at all. His teams would win four of his 31 games. See the photographs of Bill Meek, Bud Mertes, Doug Weaver, Jim Dickey, Stan Parrish. They all have the big smiles of big dreams, huge dreams, and all of them left Kansas State so much older, with so few victories.

But then, Saturday afternoon, UCLA lost, and Kansas State lost Texas A&M by a bunch, and Wildcats quarterback Michael Bishop was doing everything, and No. 1 was there to be grabbed, GRABBED, and these fans, well, you had to see them down to their seats so they would not fly away.

Kansas State fails to capitalize after UCLA loss, loses to Aggies in double OT

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Given a clear path to the national championship game, Kansas State blew it.

Texas A&M spoiled the second-ranked Wildcats' bid for a perfect season and a sure invitation to the Fiesta Bowl, winning 36-33 in double overtime Saturday in the Big 12 title game.

Sir Parker caught a 32-yard touchdown pass as the No. 10 Aggies, who trailed by 15 points entering the fourth quarter, rallied for the upset.

Kansas State began the day in third place in the BCS Championship Series standings, and needed either Tennessee or UCLA to lose. The Wildcats got what they wanted earlier in the afternoon when UCLA lost 49-45 to Miami, but failed to capitalize.

The win by the Aggies guaranteed them a spot in either the Orange or Sugar Bowl. Kansas State must wait until Sunday to find out.

Tennessee, the last undefeated

team left at the top of the BCS rankings, played later against Mississippi State in the SEC championship game.

Texas A&M (11-2) tied it with 1:09 left in the fourth quarter when Parker caught a 59-yard scoring pass from Brannon Stewart and then grabbed a 2-point conversion pass.

Kansas State (11-1) almost won on the final play of regulation when Michael Bishop completed a 55-yard Hail Mary pass to Everett Burnett at the 2.

After the teams traded field goals on the opening possessions of overtime, Kansas State led 10-7 for a 25-yard field goal by Martin Gramatica.

Texas A&M was backed up, nearly out of field goal range, when Parker caught a 41-yard pass, slipped a tackle and then dragged Lamar Chapman into the corner of the end zone.

It was the second upset in the three-year history of the Big 12 championship game. Two years

ago, Texas stunned Nebraska 37-27, also in St. Louis.

For most of the game, it appeared that the biggest play came off the field. At the precise moment Kansas State was celebrating a 66-yard scoring reception by Darnell McDonald to take a 17-3 second-quarter lead, UCLA was losing to Miami.

That unannounced news prompted an even larger roar from a predominantly Kansas State crowd, secure in the knowledge that the Wildcats would get a shot at the national championship.

Bishop passed for two touchdowns and ran for a third. But he handed the Aggies their opportunity to force overtime when he fumbled at the Kansas State 35 with 2:35 to go, only a minute after the Wildcats had taken over on offense.

The game was worlds away from the usual blowout for Kansas State, which outscored its first 11 opponents by an average of 49-11, and entered the game with a 19-game

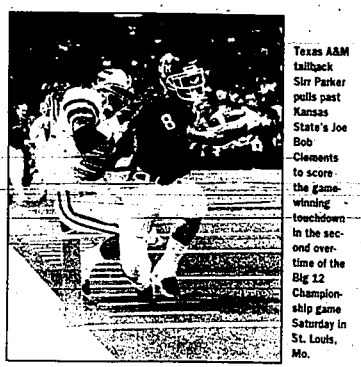
winning streak. Kansas State hurt itself with 13 penalties for 110 yards.

Texas A&M enjoyed surprising success running the ball behind 113 yards from Dante Hall, Jar'mar Toombs' 1-yard run in the third quarter was only the third touchdown from Kansas State, which held Ricky Williams to only 43 yards, has allowed on the ground all season.

The running game also produced two chip-shot field goals by Russell Bynum in the first half after drives stalled inside the Kansas State 5.

The Aggies then turned to the pass against a Kansas State secondary that showed signs of weakness in a 31-25 victory over Missouri two weeks ago. Stewart also connected for a 13-yard touchdown pass to Leroy Hodges with 9:20 to go.

Bishop completed all of his eight passes in the first half for 159 yards and touchdowns of 16 yards to tight end Justin Swift and 66 yards to Darnell McDonald.



Texas A&M tailback Sir Parker pulls past Kansas State's Joe Bob Clements to score the game-winning touchdown in the second overtime of the Big 12 Championship game Saturday in St. Louis, Mo.

SPORTS

Boat pilot contradicts El Duque's account of escape

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — Orlando Hernandez's story is the stuff of legend. Less than a year after fleeing Cuba on a sinking boat through shark-infested waters, he was pitching the New York Yankees to victory in the World Series.

Now, a man who fled Cuba with "El Duque" says at least part of the story is that a legend — more myth than reality.



Juan Carlos Romero talks about Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez, who pitched for the New York Yankees. Romero was the captain of a boat in which he, Hernandez, and six others escaped Cuba last year.

Juan Carlos Romero says the pitcher fled in a safe motorboat — which even returned to Cuba after dropping him off. No leaky boat. No sharks. Calm seas. "El Duque never had to row," Romero, who piloted the boat, told The Associated Press. "He was lying in the cabin, not paying attention to where we were going. He got seasick and vomited."

Romero has broken bitterly with the man he helped escape from Cuba nearly a year ago. Hernandez was paid \$800,000. He alleges that Hernandez has broken promises to help him financially once they left the communist island.

Hernandez has not talked recently about the journey. He has hinted at

aspects of the story that Romero denied, telling Newsweek that the boat began taking on water as soon as it left Cuba and

speaking on ABC about the "shark" that attacked the boat.

El Duque's representatives have repeatedly tried to silence any adverse comment about the boat's condition, his flight to freedom.

The media's insatiable curiosity about the Cuban defector's escape, Hernandez told ABC on Dec. 25, a year after Cuba's national day, was "insulting. He told the alleged 'hunting' continued with major league agents."

The U.S. Coast Guard picked up him and the seven Cuban immigrants on a distressed call from Anguilla Bay in the Caribbean last June. They were taken to a U.S. Navy ship in the Caribbean, then to the U.S. Navy ship in the Caribbean, then to the U.S. Navy ship in the Caribbean.

Hernandez, interviewed in the Bahamas after the journey, said: "It was a rough trip. We survived on Anguilla Bay by eating anchovies. It seems to me I've lost some weight."

Romero says the boat was not a raft, but a 20-foot craft with a cabin and diesel motor. He says it never took on water and certainly didn't sink off the Bahamas. According to Romero, a ninth passenger piloted it back to Cuba so its absence would arouse suspicion.

He claims about being in a raft where the water was leaking in, and rowing along is just a lie, Romero said. "We

never saw a single shark during the trip."

Romero also accuses Hernandez of dishonesty on another count, saying that in Cuba Hernandez promised to help him get to the United States and find work there. Instead, Romero is still living in Costa Rica with his pregnant wife, struggling on a combined monthly income of \$400 — barely survival wages in that country.

At first, Hernandez's agent, Joe Cubas, put them up in a hotel and an apartment for a month. Then, when Cubas stopped paying for the apartment, Romero and his wife had to move to an abandoned warehouse.

"We lived better in Cuba," the 31-year-old Romero said. "We lost it all when we took El Duque out. For this, we should have stayed in Cuba. We were 10 times better off there."

Last week, he filed an \$800,000 suit in a Costa Rican court against Hernandez, alleging breach of an oral agreement.

"He simply fooled me. He used me to get out of Cuba," Romero said. "He forgot about me when I was of no use to him."

Orioles sign Clark, DeShields and Surhoff; Tigers get Blair back

The Associated Press

The Baltimore Orioles wasted little time in getting a new first baseman, agreeing today to an \$11 million, two-year contract with Will Clark.

Clark's decision to sign with the Orioles completes a virtual trade with Texas. Rafael Palmeiro, Baltimore's first baseman for the past five years, agreed this week to a \$45 million, five-year contract with Texas, spurning a \$55 million offer to stay with the Orioles.

It was the Rangers' decision to sign Clark after the 1993 season that caused Palmeiro to leave Texas and sign with Baltimore.

Clark gets a \$1 million signing bonus and salaries of \$4.5 million and \$5.5 million, with \$500,000 of the first year's pay and \$750,000 of the second year's deferred until interest.

He can earn an additional \$900,000 per year in performance bonuses: \$200,000 each for 115 and 120 games, and

\$250,000 each for 130 and 140 games.

On Friday, the Orioles played an infield hole by agreeing to a \$125 million, three-year contract with free agent second baseman Delino DeShields and re-signed outfielder B.J. Surhoff to a \$14 million, three-year deal.

The Tigers brought back Willie Blair, acquiring the right-handed in a trade that sent infielder Joe Mauer to the New York Mets.

And in some lesser deals, Houston re-signed infielder Tim Lincecum to a \$1.1 million, two-year contract; Atlanta signed pitcher Mike Remlinger to a \$1.1 million, one-year deal, and Toronto signed outfielder Geromino Berroa to a minor-league contract that guarantees him \$500,000.

Overshadowing all that was the Roger Clemens chase.

The five-time Cy Young Award winner asked Toronto on Wednesday for a trade to a contender or closer to home, and the Blue Jays said they will comply within 7-to-10 days.

The New York Yankees, Shannon Stewart and Tony Blum, are thought to be the top contenders.

"I like him," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said. "I like everything he stands for. He's a hard worker, a team player, a leader. I like his personality. I like his attitude. I like his character."

Baltimore, trying to bounce back from its 79-82 record last year, already had outfielders J. J. Hardy, Charles Johnson and DeShields this week and retained Surhoff.

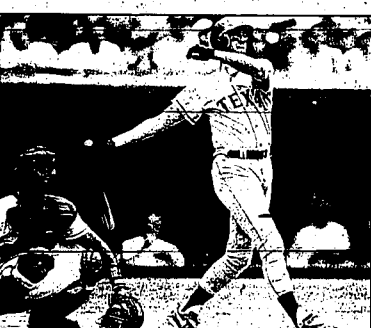
The Baltimore Sun's "Take Shape" columnist Frank Wren said: "I'm not sure about what we're doing. But the plate in Clark, we're adding a big-time offensive card to an already solid lineup. We're adding one who has done everything in this franchise over the last 10 years, and we've added a leader."

DeShields, who made \$5 million this year, got a \$14 million signing bonus. Surhoff, who made \$4 million last season, got a \$14 million signing bonus.

Surhoff receives a \$4 million signing bonus and will get bonuses of \$2.5 million in 1999, \$3 million in 2000 and \$3.5 million in 2001. Baltimore has a \$4.5 million bonus for 2002, with a \$1 million bonus, and the signing bonus income guaranteed to be \$100,000 in 120 games or has 372 appearances in 2001.

DeShields, 29, had a .371 on-time percentage and stole 26 bases with St. Louis in 1998. Surhoff, 34, hit .279 this season and established career highs with 10 home runs and 92 RBIs.

Blair, 35, was back to the city where he had his greatest success. He was back to the city where he had his greatest success. He was back to the city where he had his greatest success.



Texas Ranger Will Clark watches his three-run homer Aug. 9, 1997, at Jacobs Field in Cleveland. Will Clark and the Baltimore Orioles agreed Saturday to a \$21 million, two-year contract.

This swappfest isn't through yet

Knight Ridder News Service

It used to be a wild and crazy bash of trades, signings and rumors. Now baseball's longest swappfest, the winter meetings, will end next week in Nashville for the first time since 1992. Some prominent players who could get traded:

Roger Clemens is not every winter the five-time Cy Young winner's hot market. So there will be more his Clemens rumors in Nashville than hot pedal-steel riffs.

The Yankees went on red alert the moment the Clemens auction began. It's possible a package of Andy Pettitte, Ramiro Mendoza, Homer Bush, and a big-time prospect will get them the ace who could make them a 130-win steamroller.

But Clemens prefers the Astros, who would change some combination of Derek Bell, Carl Everett, Seth Elarton, Richard Hidalgo and possibly Mike Hampton in front of the Blue Jays. And don't count out the Indians, who are still active.

Jim Edmonds — Now that Randy Johnson has stiffed them, the Angels are actively shopping Edmonds for a top-of-the-rotation starter. A three-year deal with the Blue Jays and Yankees that would involve Clemens and Pettitte has been rumored. Also out there: Edmonds and a

prospect to the Pirates for Francisco Cordova and Tony Womack.

Kenny Loftin — He's not the igniter, base-stealer or center

fielder he once was. The 44-year-old Loftin, who has been in the majors for 10 years, might put him in the Clemens trade chase. Clemens is a 1997 Tiger's Brian Hunter.

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Don't let the lipstick fool you: Kickboxers mean business

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Giggling nervously as she dabs on lipstick, 45-year-old Nong Nim Sittokhin isn't primping for a date.

She's getting ready to box.

Broad shouldered and baby faced, Nong Nim is one of about 50 women who are professional Muay Thai fighters, or kickboxers, in Thailand.

Don't let the pink satin robe on her tank top fool you. She's undefeated after 20 bouts, all won by knockout.

"I like fighting. My father was a boxer," Nong Nim says as her mother tapes her fists for her first fight in Bangkok.

Her tender age is not unusual for a Muay Thai fighter. They start as young as 10, and there is no public outcry about children boxing in this country of poor farmers, even adults.

A few feet away, 30-year-old Khamnang Por Thipmatur, a mother of three, puts powder on her pockmarked face while her husband inspects the gloves she will use against Nong Nim.

Making up before a fight has nothing to do with vanity.

The World Muay Thai Council, the Thai generals who form the sport's governing body, has ordered that all female fighters wear lipstick and powder during matches.

Nonetheless, they are forbidden from fighting in the same ring as men. Muay Thai has a mystical component and male fighters believe the presence of women inside their ring would anger the spirits.

Most arenas, including the sport's top stadiums, Lumpini and Rajadamnern in Bangkok, don't have two rings, so there are few venues where the women can face off.

"I want to fight at Lumpini," Kham-

nang says. "I hope someday I can."

Although that isn't likely, women Muay Thai officials are supportive of women taking up the sport.

"I think it's not wrong at all, because men and women are equal," says Nuchakorn Keibamrue, an official with the Muay Thai Institute, a school run by the sport's leadership.

Around midnight, about 500 fans gather around the women's ring at the miniature arena. The fight is being reasonably televised.

Khamnang's husband is in the crowd, making wagers on his wife.

Although she says she loves to fight, money is a major motivation. The purse for winning the bout is only 5,000 baht (\$125), but Khamnang hopes to earn \$1250 from bets, nearly double her family's annual income from rice farming.

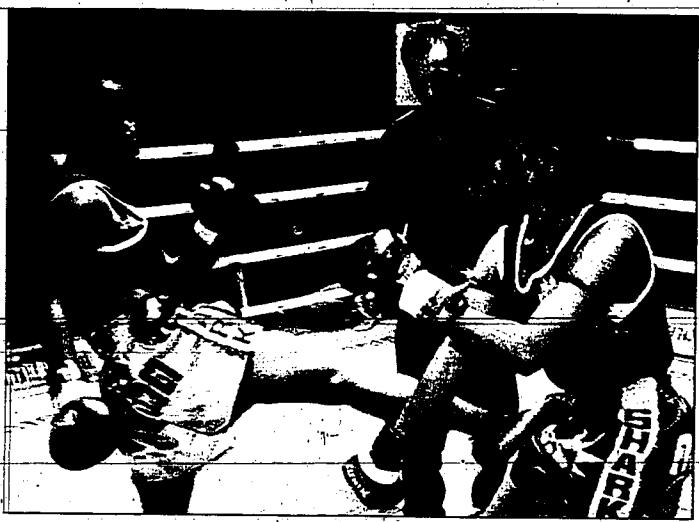
Khamnang and Nong Nim quickly impress the fans by fighting with determination and enthusiasm.

"I'm all for the sport," says Adul Porngiratt, watching the women throw left hooks and right knees into each other's groins. "If they're ever in any trouble, maybe I can help them."

The women's skills fall far short of the average male fighter. They lack speed of punch, and their slow, tentative kicks rarely land solidly.

Nong Nim is slightly faster and stronger. The junior high school student throws the older fighter to the canvas and lands the hardest kick of the evening. At the end of the regular five rounds, she is the winner by decision.

Nong Nim is ecstatic. She poses for pictures with her brother who has created, in triumph, her winning wagers of \$2,500 clenched between her teeth.



Nong Nim Sittokhin, left, attacks Khamnang Por Thipmatur with a right kick during a five-round bout at a stadium on the outskirts of Bangkok Oct. 1.

NASCAR's top team looks ahead to 1999

NEW YORK (AP) — Seated side by side were the brains and the brawn, each giving his spin on perhaps the most successful racing operation in the world.

"Absolutely not," Jeff Gordon said when asked if 1999 would result in a repeat his 13 victories of this year.

Even the brain that has seized control of the Winston Cup circuit thinks he has some limitations. The brains believes otherwise.

"This way we look at it, there's always room to improve," said crew chief Ray Evernham. "If you win 13 out of 33, there's 20 you didn't get."

Such thinking has resulted in 42 career victories for Gordon, who on Friday night accepted his third series championship trophy in the last four years. Evernham has called the shots from the start of a ride that threatens virtually every record on NASCAR's elite tour.

Does he expect to win them all?

"I don't think that's possible, but it's something to shoot for," Evernham said.

Seated two feet to his right, his 27-year-old driver was explaining how surprised he was to tie Richard Petty's modern day record of 13 victories in a season.

"I thought if we won five it would be an unbelievable season," he said, perhaps considering the law of averages following consecutive 10-win campaigns.

"Next year, I'm looking at it the same way."

Such modest goals have enabled Gordon to avoid disappointment. Being humble has permitted him to continue a work ethic based on the theory that just success guarantees nothing.

"You've got to take it one step at a time," he said. "Try to go for that first win but make sure you focus on consistency. If you're consistent, you'll win races."

He has won enough of them to move all the way to 13th position



Jeff Gordon

in career victories with as much as two decades remaining behind the wheel. But Gordon accepts Evernham's teaching that the Hendrick Motorsports team has not reached its

potential.

Evenham, a 41-year-old former modified driving star from New Jersey, knows no repose in that quest.

"There's more room for us to improve than people think," he said. "There's people who think, 'Oh you guys, got it,' but that doesn't mean we can't get better."

In agreement is his driver, so wise and successful beyond this years that his nickname — "The Kid" — no longer seems appropriate. He is what the top man always becomes in any sport —

Thou.

How much longer can he remain on the mountaintop?

He made no prediction, but addressed the difficulty of the task.

"It's not easy getting there and it's certainly not easy staying there," Gordon said. "Everybody's constantly trying to knock you off."

They haven't succeeded because talent, hard work and determination have enabled the team to overcome short dry spells. They are so confident that Gordon became this year the only driver under the Winston Cup banner to reach double figures in victories three years running.

He is most proud of his 1998 journey, because there were some early bumps in the road.

"At the beginning of the year we weren't even a car capable of getting a top-five," Gordon said. "To turn that around to make it into a 13-win season is unbelievable."

Philadelphia Flyers player receives fine for slashing incident

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia Flyers center Scott Lindros was fined \$1,000 Saturday for slashing another Philadelphia player during a game against the

Buffalo Sabres.

The fine is the maximum allowable under the NHL's contract with the players' union. Lindros received a major

penalty and a game misconduct in the first period of the game Friday after swinging his stick toward the "upper body" of Buffalo's Jay McKee.

"Even though Mr. Lindros did not make contact, this type of reckless use of the stick is not acceptable," league vice president Colin Campbell said.

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How Swede it is: Doubles win clinches another Davis cup

MILAN, Italy (AP) — No mercy. With two singles won already in hand and opponent Italy reduced to a makeshift lineup because of injury, Sweden pounded out a methodical victory over doubles flunkies Saturday to clinch its third Davis Cup in five years.

Jonas Bjorkman and Nicklas Pietrangeli, briefly with Italy's Diego Nargiso, and Sweden's David Sanguinetti, before shutting out overdrive for the 7-6 (7-3), 6-1, 6-1 triumph.

It gave the defending champions a 4-0 lead in the best-of-5 series. Sunday's singles matches, now meaningless, will be reduced to three sets.

"This one isn't mine, it's just different. We never get satisfied with winning," Swedish captain Carl-August Fogelberg said. "It's a nice feeling and we want it more and more."

Italy's chance for its first Davis Cup trophy since 1974 was compromised in Friday's opening match, when Andrea Gaudenzi

retired with a strained shoulder tendon at 6-6 in the fifth set of a 5-hour ordeal against Sweden's Magnus Norman.

Gaudenzi, Nargiso's regular doubles partner, had surgery on the shoulder in October and had not played an official match since helping upset the United States in the semifinals.

"Andrea's injury made all our plans go up in smoke," said Italian captain Paolo Bertolucci, whose contract is up.

Even the crowd seemed resigned. Playing host to a Davis Cup final for the first time, Italy had counted on its notoriously boisterous fans to provide an edge.

But the 12,000 spectators at the side-out Assago Forum went eerily silent during portions of the doubles match, and even turned on their own in the latter stages — jeering and whistling derisively after some of the Italians' unforced errors, of which there were many.

When Sanguinetti mistimed a backhand and sent the ball flying into the seats in the third set, someone screamed, "Andrea would have won this for us."

He probably at least would have helped put up a better fight. After extending the first set to a tiebreaker, Italy lost 41 of the ensuing 53 points.

"We moved up another level in that tiebreaker," Bjorkman said, "and we were in control from there. We were always a step ahead of them."

Nargiso and Sanguinetti were rarely in sync, and nearly collided under a floating lob that Sanguinetti whiffed on a key point midway through the second set.

Adding insult to injury for Sanguinetti, his wallet and cellular phone were stolen from a court-side racket bag during the post-match confusion — the Swedish team and some spectators ran onto the court to celebrate.



Nicklas Pietrangeli, left, and Jonas Bjorkman battle in their doubles match against Italy's Davide Sanguinetti and Diego Nargiso in the Davis Cup final at the Assago Forum in Milan Saturday. The Swedish pair won 7-6 (7-3), 6-1, 6-3, taking Sweden to a 3-0 lead over Italy, clinching the second consecutive Davis Cup title for Sweden.

Westwood takes 2-stroke lead at the Million Dollar Challenge

SUN CITY, South Africa (AP) — Lee Westwood shot a 6-under par 66 to overtake leader Nick Faldo and grab a two-stroke lead with an 80 Saturday after the third round of the Million Dollar Challenge.

After an even-par first round, Westwood's four-semester has gained 13 strokes in the past two rounds. Justin Leonard pulled himself into second place with a 68 for a 205.

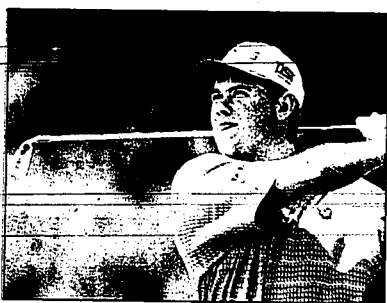
"Everything was going on," the 25-year-old Westwood said. "I said he was inspired by the field of 11 other of the sport's top golfers. It's very civilized out there. We've been laughing and chatting and joking all around," he said.

Westwood and Leonard played a two-hole and a birdie duel going. They each saved strokes on holes 2, 6 and 14. Westwood also birdied on the 10th, 16th and 18th. He just missed birdies on the 9th and 10th when the ball tipped the holes.

One of Westwood's significant partners is Tiger Woods, the main attraction at the 357-yard Gary Player Country Club course. Woods was hanging in with a 207 after Saturday's 67 — a score which would have been lower without a half-dozen missed putts.

"I never thought I'd see this, but I'm really disappointed shooting a 67," he said. "If you look at it today, it could really have been a 62, even a 61. I just didn't get any breaks."

Maybe his best hole was one of his five birdies but the ten he hit for par. Woods had double bogeys in the previous two rounds on the 471-yard hole. It bends to the right and runs uphill to the green, which has sand



Britain's Lee Westwood watches his approach to the eighth green during the third round of the Million Dollar Challenge in Sun City, South Africa, Saturday.

traps on each side. Woods said his drive was off the first two tries. "I've hit one on the left, on the right. I'm lucky to hit one down the middle" this time, he said.

Woods said he felt no pressure from the large crowds — which include many blacks rooting for

their hero — following him around the course.

"Obviously it's very nice people come out to see me," he said. "But I live up to my own expectations, not anybody else's."

Price fell even with Woods following a disastrous third round 72, which included three bogeys and

a double-bogey on the par-4 11 when he put a chip shot on the road.

Faldo, the defending champion, two-time major winner, and co-winner of the 24-under course record, said he was just trying to stay within a stroke or two of the leaders.

"I've had some really good times around here. It's about time something caught up with me," he said.

Mark O'Meara, this year's two-time major winner, was a shot back of Faldo going into the round, but fell to five back at 208 following a par round.

Appleby takes 3rd-round lead in Australian Open

ADELAIDE, Australia — Stuart Appleby overcame stiff winds that bothered many players, carded for an even-par 72 Saturday and earned a one-stroke lead into the final round of the Australian Open.

Appleby, the first-round leader, is a shot ahead of England's Nick Faldo and Australian Greg Chalmers. Faldo and Appleby played in the same position Saturday, with Faldo also shooting 72 after starting off with three consecutive birdies at Royal Adelaide. Chalmers carded a 74.

Australian Appleby has a three-round total of 1-over 217. Australians Peter Senior (76) and Rodney Pampling (77) are tied for fourth at 219.

Australians Roger Davis and Robert Allenby, each with 75 Saturday, are three shots off the lead.

There are 23 golfers within six shots of the lead, including Nick O'Shea of Australia, who had the day's best round with a 2-under 70, putting him at 221.

Appleby would have had a two-stroke cushion if not for a bogey on 15 — and it could have been worse. His approach shot skipped over one bunker and landed in the second to the right of the flag.

Faldo, shot out of the bunker just

cleared the lip, settling on the fringe of the green and leaving him a difficult 25-footer for par. He missed the par attempt but tapped in for bogey.

"It doesn't get much more difficult than this," Appleby said of the gusty winds. "I told my caddy today that playing this course is like handcuffing Mike Tyson and then trying to get as many punches away as you can in 10 seconds before you have to get out of his way."

Appleby said it didn't matter who he was paired with Sunday for the final round — he'll concentrate on playing his own game and trying to find some luck among the difficult shots.

"This golf course is bigger than any one competitor," he said.

Faldo's round followed a 69 on Friday and comes just days after experimenting with a new grip.

"I'm on a learning curve again," said Faldo, adding that playing 18 holes at Royal Adelaide was like playing 30 elsewhere. "But everything was solid all day."

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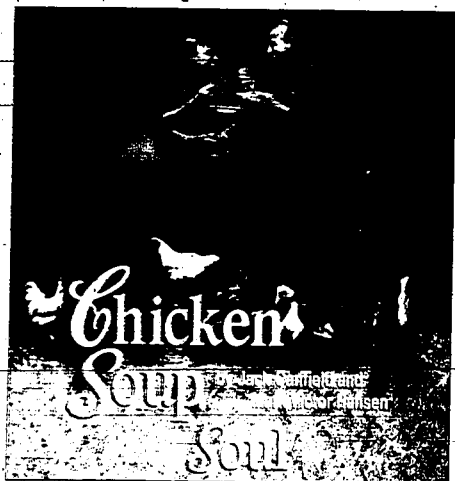
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Europe goes to the movies

Admissions to movie theaters in western Europe totaled 781 million in 1997. Top countries:



BRIEFLY IN MONEY

8 Magic Valley Subway stores report sales hikes

TWIN FALLS — Eight Subway stores in the Magic Valley-area reported an average sales increase of 16 percent for October 1998, compared to the same month last year.

The increase makes a year-to-date total average sales increase of 2.5 percent compared to the first 10 months of last year.

The region includes three Subways in Twin Falls, two in Burley, one in Bailey, Jerome and Salmon.

Owners and managers of Subway say they attribute the growth to Subway's commitment to its customers by offering a variety of healthy menu choices.

The Subway franchise calls itself the world's second largest fast-food chain with more than 13,400 individually owned and operated sandwich shops in 60 countries.

Top economist predicts Y2K woes will spark recession

Will the U.S. economy go down the toilet because of the Year 2000 computer problem? You bet, predicted Edward Yardeni, chief economist for Deutsche Bank Securities. There will be a recession, and it will be a nasty one.

Not likely, countered John H. Garvey, vice president in portfolio strategy for Goldman Sachs. Things might slow down a bit, but the economy will remain strong.

The two financial experts spoke Friday afternoon to about 50 members of the Kansas City Society of Financial Analysts. The topic, "Y2K, the truth is out there."

Yardeni said he expects the country's gross domestic product to drop 3 percent to 4 percent because of business and government services failures caused by the Year 2000 problem.

Napoliello disagreed, saying economists at Goldman Sachs believe the gross domestic product will drop by only one-half of 1 percent.

Firm advises job hunters to take their time on resumes

If you get a layoff notice, don't immediately rush your resume into the mail, suggests Manchester, an employment consulting firm based in Bala Cynwyd, Pa.

Manchester suggests laid-off workers first think through their next career moves, defining goals and objectives and researching a target list of potential new employers. Be sure your resume is polished and shows not only the positions you've held, but also specific achievements.

"And prepare and practice a quick summation of your career that you can deliver when you meet with an interviewer."

Supermarket industry records best year ever, institute says

The supermarket industry, historically a business with low profit margins, has just had its best year ever, according to the Food Marketing Institute, an industry group.

The institute reports that the industry's earnings averaged 1.22 cents for each dollar in sales, up from 1.08 cents in 1996-97 and 1.20 cents in 1995-96, when the industry set its previous high earnings record.

Technology advances, cost cuts and more efficient operations contributed to the increase.

Chrysler invites dealers to join rugged test-driving camps

If your car dealer starts telling you how great the new sport utility vehicles handle rough terrain, he or she may be trying to sell you one.

Ward's Dealer Business, a trade magazine, says Chrysler Corp. (now part of DaimlerChrysler) has been inviting dealers to take part in events such as Camp Jeep and Jeep Jamboree, gatherings for Jeep owners.

Jeep owners take their cars to places like Canyon de Chelly in Arizona and the Rubicon Trail in California.

Dealers get to drive the Jeeps up hills, along muddy trails and around boulders. One Jamboree, in Colorado, includes drives up mountains 13,000 feet high. Of course, this is not just work — there are cookouts and recreational activities after everyone has finished a four-day-for-five thrill ride.

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STAKING A CLAIM ON A NAME

Scotch tape giant goes after local realty

By Pat Marcontonio
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Three M Realty sold real estate and 3M sold Scotch Tape. While their services are different, the names were a little too close for the Minnesota-based mega-corporation.

As a result, Kent and Cindy Collins, owners of Three M Realty in Twin Falls, changed the name of their business to Idaho Homes & Property after reaching a settlement with Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing, better known as 3M.

The couple purchased the real estate company three years ago from Dick Messersmith. The Three M's stood for Messersmith, his father and uncle, Cindy Collins said.

"The makers of tape, Post-its and 50,000 other products apparently found it a sticky situation."

"They just said there was a conflict," Collins said.

The settlement with 3M was reached when the couple purchased their real estate business, she said. They had three years to make the name change and received an undisclosed amount of money for related expenses.

"It was only part of the fees because it certainly did not cover it all," Collins said.

Katherine Hagmeier, 3M spokeswoman in St. Paul, said the company can't talk about specific cases, but 3M actively monitors businesses nationwide for use of the trademarked name.

It all boils down to federal trademark law so there is no confusion for consumers, Hagmeier said. "So they know who they are doing business with."

Consumers sometimes call and ask if a product is indeed a 3M product, Hagmeier said, noting that the company has been around for almost 100 years.

Collins suspects a 3M executive was skiing in Sun Valley and saw one of their Three M Realty ads.

"They have not disclosed how they discovered it," she said.

But Collins found the job of



changing names larger than expected: The Three M Realty name was on everything at their Twin Falls and Buhl offices. That included letterhead, business cards, bank accounts, website and more than 200 For Sale signs.

The couple also had to change their corporate name with the Idaho Secretary of State's office, Idaho Real Estate Commission, and on the real estate licenses for each of its 22 agents.

"That's all we've been doing is changing, changing, changing," she said. "All of our name badges, everything that realtors have has their names on it."

The other challenge was choosing a new name. They came up with what they thought was a good one.

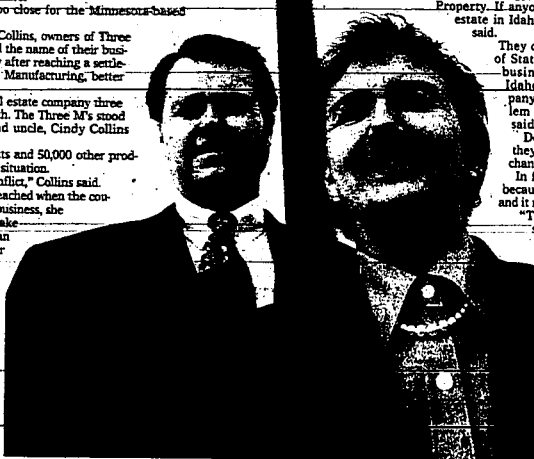
The real estate office uses a lot of computer technology, so they selected Idaho Homes & Property. If anyone searches the Internet for real estate in Idaho, the new name pops up, Collins said.

They checked with the Idaho Secretary of State's office, which keeps tracks of businesses, and found there was an Idaho Properties in Boise. That company was contacted and had no problem with the Collins' new name, she said.

Despite the work, Cindy Collins said they took a positive view of the name change.

In fact, the new moniker is a blessing because of the technological advantage and it reflects the newer ownership.

"That makes it our company," she said.



Kent and Cindy Collins change their business name to Idaho Homes & Property after a clash with 3M company.

Times-News staff writer Pat Marcontonio can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 242.

Finding a business name

When the Idaho Secretary of State's office will inform you of the corporate name, it's time to choose another Idaho company name when you file your incorporation.

The Secretary of State's office keeps track of all businesses in Idaho. Thus, a problem may arise when you choose a name that is already in use by another business.

Some less-recognized national or local companies may feel your name is similar to theirs.

Idaho's best Web resource is the Idaho Secretary of State's office at 733-0931 or 543-4558.



Tom Donahue, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, center, meets Thursday with Wes Jurely, left, and El Paso Mayor Carlos Ramirez at the dedication of the new El Paso Workforce Development Center. The facility will help unemployed workers find new jobs. But how many will stop to wonder why they even want a job in the first place?

Why not sleep in?

Many people work to earn money to buy things they need for ... work

By Amy Lindgren
Knight-Ridder News Service

Did you ever stop to wonder why we work?

Most people answer that question with, "To pay the bills." Fair enough, but where did the bills come from?

Ironically, some of them came from the process of preparing for work. A car that's reliable enough for work, clothes that look good enough for work, regular hair styling so you look your best at work — the list goes on.

Sometimes, I wonder if we've all bought a bill of goods, along with the other things we keep buying.

Mike and Linda Lenich think so. They are an ordinary couple living in a Chicago suburb who decided a few

years ago to stop buying things. Not everything — just things they don't really need. Their goal was to get out of debt and to save money for the future.

After six years of effort, they have accomplished both goals. In the first three years, they used their combined income of \$74,000 to reduce their debt from \$51,000 to zero. Since then, they have saved enough money to support themselves without jobs for 10 years.

It all started with an audiotape course, "Your Money or Your Life," which they heard in 1992. The tape has since become a book, which has been reprinted several times. It is part how-to manual, part philosophy.

The authors based the book on three financial principles: Financial Intelligence. Please see WORK Page D2

Tech industry pushes limits on new disk drives

By Dan Gillmor
Knight-Ridder News Service

Online

Back in the Stone Age of personal computers, a little more than a decade ago, I bought an IBM XT. For the first time, I had a computer with a hard disk, and life was never the same.

The disk is like a noisy, noisy, but it held 10 megabytes of data — an astonishingly large capacity for a PC in those days — and worked much more quickly than the lowly floppy disk. I wondered if I could fill it up, only to go to sleep and find it full of data.

Back then we were just three decades into the age of the disk drive, which began in an IBM laboratory in San Jose, Calif. In 1956, a research team led by the late Reynold Johnson, one of the true giants in the field, launched a revolution in magnetic storage when it came up with the technology that became the modern disk drive. The team's achievement utterly changed the nature of computing.

Consider how far we've come. Today, entry-level computers routinely come with 3,000 to 5,000 megabytes (3 to 5 gigabytes) or more of disk capacity. For the first time in memory, that's enough capacity to handle most routine — and many not-so-routine — computing chores. And improvements aren't slowing down. In less than a year, we can expect a disk drive that holds 200 gigabytes at the same price we pay for today's 5-gigabyte drives.

The disk-drive people work in a huge

— some \$34 billion in 1998 revenues, estimates Disk-Trend in Mountain View, Calif. — but uneasy business. They don't get enough credit for the miracles they keep working.

But it's worth asking a couple of questions. Are we reaching a point where we won't have to worry about filling up our hard disks? If not, can the industry keep up with our appetites?

The long-term answers are probably not, and probably.

The nightmare of software bloat has become almost a given. Software companies act as if their applications were the only ones that mattered. Microsoft may be the chief violator, but it's far from the only one.

The fact that more and more of our computing is moving to networks, including the World Wide Web, might ultimately tend to mitigate software

bloat. You don't need to download a massive application to run Yahoo, for example. The simplest Web browser can handle it.

Other kinds of files are taking up the slack. Pictures consist of lots of space, for example. Photography is moving to the digital realm at a remarkably quick pace, and megabytes can disappear quickly when you keep lots of pictures on your disk.

The serious space hog, of course, is video and other multimedia content. We don't typically keep much video on a hard disk, because it takes up so much capacity. A DVD movie alone, holding a movie and assorted other material, holds about 4.7 gigabytes. It wouldn't take too many movies to fill up even 200 gigabytes. You wouldn't do this on your PC, perhaps, but in the

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lignce. Financial Integrity. Financial Independence. The independence is the outcome of the intelligence and integrity, which has certainly been true for the Leniches.

By now you might be asking, what does financial independence have to do with job choice or career planning?

"I feel secure financially, so I can really concentrate on the job."

—Mike Lenich, works for utility company in Chicago

for utility company in Chicago. After six years of voluntary simplicity, the Leniches are about to cross another threshold. The utility company that employs Mike is in the process of selling the division where he works teaching business process improvement. By this time next year, Mike could very well be out of a job. It's a situation that would make most workers nervous, but not Mike.

"I feel secure financially, so I can really concentrate on the job," he says. "That's one of the benefits to companies when workers transform their money. I've stress level is way down."

Amy Lindgren is president of Prototype Career Services, a St. Paul firm specializing in career transition and job-search strategy.

Working overtime

A large number of younger baby boomers in a recent national survey said they expect to work after formal retirement.

Do you think you will work for pay after you retire?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

1st Boom (born 1946-53) 53% YES 29% NO 17% DON'T KNOW
2nd Boom (born 1954-64) 57% YES 28% NO 15% DON'T KNOW

These were some of their reasons

Major reason ☐ Minor reason ☐ Not a reason ☐

Having money to make ends meet
1st Boom 32% YES 29% NO 39% DON'T KNOW
2nd Boom 42% YES 28% NO 30% DON'T KNOW

Having a satisfying way to spend your time
1st Boom 59% YES 12% NO 29% DON'T KNOW
2nd Boom 60% YES 11% NO 29% DON'T KNOW

NOTE: The report is based on a sampling of 521 statistically random nationwide respondents could list any of all reasons. Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding and no response.

SOURCE: Employee Benefit Research Institute, Jan. 1998 random national survey

What do workers want?

Percentage of U.S. employees who give each job benefit "high" importance, compared to the preferences of workers in other nations.

	U.S.	Europe	Russia	Japan
Work/life balance	20%	21%	12%	26%
Good pay	16%	7%	47%	18%
Enjoy work	13%	23%	8%	8%
Secure future	12%	15%	12%	13%
Unemployment co-workers	9%	12%	3%	7%

Unemployment of being a job, not necessarily continuous employment at one place

What would make them change jobs?

Workers aren't getting what they want from their jobs, and 66% say they have been affected by merger, restructuring or downsizing. It's not surprising that many are ready to quit.

Would leave jobs for more advancement opportunity, a 10% salary increase and/or more flexible hours

Same reasons, U.S. workers only

Would leave for better advancement opportunity alone (U.S.)

Would leave for 10% salary increase alone (U.S.)

Would leave for more flexible environment alone (U.S.)

Percent of workers**

64%

66%

53%

42%

37%

*Figures don't add to 100 because workers could list multiple reasons.

SOURCE: General Consulting and Analytics/Workforce Partners, Workforce Management Study, a survey of 10,339 workers in 14 major U.S. industries.

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spokewoman Sadie Torres said.

That division employs about 375 of the company's 975 employees in Greeley.

In October, Hewlett-Packard began companywide cuts in order to reduce expenses.

At that time, voluntary severance packages were offered to at least 140 employees at the company's Loveland and

Fort Collins sites.

Torres said the Greeley buyouts are separate from those earlier measures and are designed to help separate products remain competitive against cheaper products manufactured by competitors overseas.

Employees have until Jan. 15 to decide whether to take the severance packages.

For example, you can withdraw the money tax-free from a Roth IRA if you have had money in the

Spread out the taxes

Investors who act by Dec. 31 can take 4 years to convert retirement savings to Roth IRAs

Knight Ridder News Service

It's the big sale that generated one big yawn.

It's a one-time-only deal: Investors can take four years to spread the tax burden from converting a regular Individual Retirement Account into a Roth IRA, if only if they beat the Dec. 31 deadline set by Congress.

If your shift accounts after this year, you're looking at paying in one year all the taxes owed from converting to a Roth.

IRA owners seem willing to budge, according to experts at three of the biggest players in the business.

At T. Rowe Price Investment Services, a major mutual fund company, roughly 2 percent of the company's \$15 billion IRA assets have been converted to a Roth IRA so far.

Who qualifies? To be certain, not everyone can convert to a Roth IRA. Your taxable income, or adjusted gross income, must be \$100,000 or less. The \$100,000 limit applies to single taxpayers and married couples filing a joint return.

You cannot convert a regular IRA to a Roth IRA if you're married and filing separately.

Even so, some people are sleeping through a good bargain simply because they don't understand the Roth IRA, the special 1998 tax break or how to weigh their options.

Before the Dec. 31 deadline hits, we offer some answers.

Q: Who would want to pay extra taxes to convert to a Roth?

A: "The younger you are, the more sense it makes," said Marilyn Capelli Dimittroff, president of Capelli Financial Services, Inc. in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

The younger you are, the more time you have to let your money sit in a Roth IRA and grow on a tax-free basis if certain conditions are met.

For example, you can withdraw the money tax-free from a Roth IRA if you have had money in the

Who is Roth, anyway?

Roth is U.S. Sen. William Roth (R-Conn.). He was eligible to work to put away \$2,000 in an individual Retirement Account and take a tax deduction.

For a decade, he has pushed for restoring many of the IRA tax breaks Congress took away in 1986.

After squeezing a new type of IRA into the 1997 Taxpayer Relief Act, he has his work cut out.

Who's in? Some say that there were a few named in the Internal Revenue Service who were involved in the conception of the IRA in 1974.

He was working with a committee that wanted to find a suitable acronym for a program designed to encourage individuals to save for retirement. The result arrived: Individual Retirement Account, now often called the Individual Retirement Account.

Roth account for at least five years and you are age 59½ or if you meet the five-year requirement and are using the money to buy your first home.

Not so with a regular IRA. With a regular IRA, money taken out may be taxed in the end.

Eric Wade, who is 31 and single, figured he could save thousands of tax dollars by converting.

A few months ago, Wade rolled over \$2,000 from an old 401(k) plan — money that had sat in a plan with a former employer — into a regular IRA. Wade then converted the regular IRA into a Roth IRA.

Wade's federal tax bill will be about \$3,500 higher next April because he converted from a regular IRA to a Roth IRA.

And he'll likely pay an extra \$3,500 in federal taxes when he files his 1999 return, his 2000 return and his 2001 return.

Altogether, he's looking at about \$14,000 up-front in federal taxes.

But Wade, a financial adviser at the Center for Financial

Planning in Southfield, Mich., estimates he could save more, than \$20,000 in federal taxes when he retires in 30 or more years and taps into his IRA.

If those it ever makes sense for someone to consider to convert? A. In some cases, it does.

The best candidate is someone who knows he or she will never need to tap into that IRA money.

Wade's client, a financial planner, is a member of the Financial Management Associates in December.

The Roth IRA, does not require you to withdraw the money at any age. So you can just let it sit there, until you die.

The regular IRA requires you start withdrawing some money in the year after you turn 70½ years old, even if you don't need the money.

Most IRAs could be subject to estate taxes, but heirs might not have to pay income taxes on withdrawals from a Roth IRA.

Wade has been in the Roth for five years now.

If Wade can figure out how much it would cost you to convert

to a Roth IRA, you could have a regular IRA that you want to convert the entire amount into a Roth IRA.

Wade says you received a \$2,000 deduction each year you made a contribution to that regular IRA.

In this case, you'd owe taxes on the entire \$20,000 of added income, said Patricia Bojancic, partner-in-charge of the tax department at Gardner & Co. in Troy, Mich.

How much it depends.

If you convert the entire \$20,000 to the regular IRA into a Roth IRA, you can take advantage of a one-time-only deal.

By converting this year, you have the chance of spreading the extra income from the conversion over 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001.

The \$20,000 conversion would add \$2,000 in income to each year.

Hewlett-Packard offers buyouts to cut labor force

Greeley Colo. (AP)

Voluntary severance packages are being offered to 80 of Hewlett-Packard Co.'s workers in Greeley to cut costs and make the company more competitive, officials said.

The employees are in the company's desktop Division, which makes flasher's servers for both retail and commercial customers.

Online

Continued from D1

evolving in emergence of home entertainment, with computing the TV set-top box will undoubtedly have one or more hard disks; WebTV already does.

I can think of at least one way that software industry could usefully cut up some of that extra disk space. The result might be something truly revolutionary:

Programs running on the Windows operating system make extensive use of "dynamic link libraries," or DLLs, which provide functions to the programs.

An individual program will reach into the DLL for certain functions, and many programs share these libraries for commonly used functions.

When you install a new program on your PC, it typically dumps a bunch of DLLs onto your hard disk. Some will be shared with other programs, but some are the DLLs that will be updated versions of the ones the other programs are using.

Unfortunately, that can confuse the old program, or even make it fail.

Shared libraries make sense in many ways, and made considerable sense when disk space was more scarce than it has become today. Putting multiple copies of DLLs on your disk was clearly wasteful. But with gigabytes of disk space, we might drop each program's DLLs into a single directory, so that the program can find that single program, and avoid any confusion.

It's not quite so simple, of course, and I'm avoiding the entire argument of whether the system of DLLs needs fundamental change, which it clearly does.

Even as we think about how to use disk capacity, let's remember the other side of the industry's progress. Just as the most powerful microprocessor from

1993 lives on, in miniature, embedded in other devices to make them smarter, the growing density of information on hard disks is leading to tiny disks that hold, by yesterday's standards, an incredible amount of information.

IBM has announced an absolute marvel, a "Microdrive," about the size of a credit card and holding 340 megabytes. You can see an immediate use for this in a digital camera, but the possibilities extend to other devices, from electronic books to any number of information appliances.

Keep in mind the relentless progress, which will double the Microdrive capacity in less than 18 months, and you might laugh with Bob Katze, vice president at Disk-Trend, as he contem-

plates managing a gigabyte or two of data on a hand-held computer.

Disk drives do have limits, Katze notes. In about five years, the industry will probably be unable to maintain its current 60 percent-per-year capacity boosts.

Of course, not many years ago the norm was 30 percent per year, and scientists figured out how to beat that.

Assuming the current rate of progress is unsustainable, the disk industry is busy working on new techniques. Several companies see laser-assisted magnetic storage as a strong candidate to replace the current state of the art.

Dan Gittler writes for the San Jose, Calif., Mercury News.

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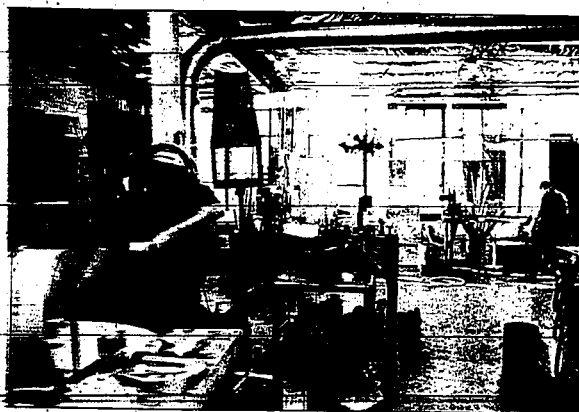
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MONEY



Wesley Bergh, founder of Resource Revival, packs bike parts for shipping while welder Matt Cartwright works on the background in their work space in Portland, Ore.

Company turns old bike parts into handsome objects for home

Continued from 1994
Resource Revival
now has 5 on payroll

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — They're making them the bicycle parts. The president of Resource Revival, a Portland, Ore., company that recycles vintage bike parts into unique home decor, says the company is now hiring five people. The company, founded by Wesley Bergh, 31, and Matt Cartwright, 37, in 1992, has grown from a one-person operation to a small business with five employees. Bergh says the company's success is due to the growing interest in vintage bike parts and the unique designs they create. The company's products include bike handlebars, seat posts, and other parts that are repurposed into home decor items like vases, lamps, and planters.

college town throw-out enough garbage every year to fill Michigan Stadium. "And I was just struck by that. There was a picture of the stadium filled with the garbage," Bergh said. "Michigan Stadium holds 105,000 people," he said.

Lured by memories of a childhood trip to West and thoughts of the Oregon wilderness, the avid outdoorsman moved to Portland in 1990. "I worked for a city recycling project while earning a master's degree in urban studies at Portland State University," Bergh said.

While riding his bike to work one day, he got a flat tire. Studying the damaged tube later that night, he got the idea to use it to hang a stereo speaker on the wall.

"I dug another one out of the basement to hang up another one and, literally, that was the genesis of it," he said.

It was the prototype Tube Tie, a trademark irreplaceable strap. By 1994, when he launched Resource Revival at the urging of friends, he had come up with four more products. The first catalog contained Tube Ties, bells, picture frames, earrings made from rubber tube valve cores, and spiked dog collars made from tubes with tube valves threaded onto them.

Home furnishings shops and galleries throughout the country have been eager to carry the company's home accessories and furniture. The upscale catalog J. Crew carries chain picture frames and the "Occasional Table," a small side table made from bike rims and gears.

Getting into national gift fairs in San Francisco and New York helped him win national accounts, as did picking up the Yellow Pages and making cold calls.

"I have a good mind for research and I would, say, get the Houston paper and see who's advertising in what part of town. I'd go through the Yellow Pages and (national magazines) and send out catalogs," Bergh said. "I learned to be patient. If they don't order (at first), don't give up. Get them on your mailing list."

By 1995, Bergh had taken on a partner, Andy Seubert, who came up with several popular designs, including the still-popular bottle openers made from a bike chain and part of a gear. Seubert eventually left to create his own business.

"Andy got us into the whole gift market," Bergh said. "I realized that I couldn't do everything. I've always wanted to learn how to weld but it was like, 'Do I learn that skill or do I take my creativity and combine it with somebody else who has (that) skill and collaborator?'"

Bergh seems to have a knack for hiring smart, talented people. Scheuer, whose background is in architecture and design, came on board to do parts processing and welding but soon came up with several best-selling designs. He is now Bergh's partner. "And while Bergh still collaborates on designs, he mostly focuses on business: creating new accounts and broadening the network of bicycle shops that supplies old parts."

Unemployment drops; Canada, U.S. reach deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unemployment dropped to 4.4 percent in November, nearly matching last spring's 28-year low, with strong hiring by department stores and restaurants helping to offset layoffs at factories.

Other service industries and construction also showed unexpectedly strong job growth. Economists said that should keep consumers cheery as they shop for the holidays.

It looks like there are plenty of jobs and enough money for the American consumer to produce a better-than-average retail season, said economist Allen Sinai of Prisma Decision Economics in Boston.

Top Chrysler executive retires after big merger

DETROIT — Dennis K. Pawley, who helped turn the former Chrysler Corp.'s assembly and parts plants into some of the industry's most efficient, said Friday that he will retire from the newly merged Daimler-Benz AG to become a manufacturing consultant.

Pawley, 57, will leave as vice president of North American manufacturing and labor relations Jan. 31, two months after Chrysler and Germany's Daimler-Benz AG merged to become the world's fifth largest automaker. He said his retirement had nothing to do with the merger, that his decision was made a year ago before the merger was ever discussed. After the merger was announced in May, Chrysler officials asked him to stay on longer but he declined.

U.S. and Canada agree to lower trade barriers

WASHINGTON — Moving to soothe angry American farmers, the United States and Canada agreed Friday to lower trade barriers for grain and livestock and

Business week in review

address longstanding allegations that the Canadians are dumping wheat in U.S. markets. The Clinton administration said it would start requiring Canada to divulge the price and quality of wheat it is shipping to U.S. markets.

The moves "put us on the path toward eliminating a lot of the trade irritants that have plagued our trading relationship for too long," said Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman. His Canadian counterpart, Lyle Vancil, said the deal ensures that the two countries' huge farm trade, now worth about \$15 billion a year, keeps flowing.

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TRADEWINDS

The Times-News

PAINT.—Ken Grimsman has joined the staff as **Classic Kins.**

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The shop is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays. The business is located at 125 N. Main. Grimsman can be reached at 438-5545.

TWIN FALLS.—Bob Allred attended the Robert W. Baird & Co.'s Most Valuable Producers Conference on Dec. 19 and 20 in Chicago.

Chosen from the top 5 percent of Northwestern's 1,500 agents, Allred was selected for the second year.

Robert W. Baird & Co. is a full-service investment firm owned by Northwestern Mutual Life, both located in Milwaukee, Wis.

Presentations in Chicago included America's leading mutual fund companies such as American Fund, Goldman Sachs and Frank Russell Co. of Tacoma, Wash. Northwestern Mutual Life will be adding products offered by the Frank Russell Co. in time.

Allred's office address is 485 Blue Lakes Blvd., No. 108. He can be called at 733-7611.

TWIN FALLS.—C. Alan Horner was elected president and chief executive officer of First Federal Savings Bank.

Horner, who has been with First Federal since 1972, is former vice president and chief administrator.

He began his banking career with the First National Bank of Oregon in 1973 after graduating from Boise State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

He brings 15-plus years of banking experience and knowledge from operations to auditing and loan administration to his new position.

With First Federal, Horner has served as head of the commercial loan department as a member of

the EDP steering, asset-liability management and audit committees, and as chairman of the loan committee.

Horner also serves on the Urban Renewal and Industrial Development Board; is an active member of the Twin Falls Rotary Club and serves as president of the College of Southern Idaho Foundation.

TWIN FALLS.—TEAM America Corp. has announced that Byron G. McCurdy was elected president of the National Association of Professional Employer Organizations.

McCurdy has been a NAPEO's annual convention held recently in Orlando, Fla. NAPEO represents nearly 700 member companies nationwide and has been the engine behind recent federal legislation codifying the employer status of professional employer organizations.

McCurdy has been a leader in creating and promoting that legislation, TEAM America said. He chaired the organization's governance affairs and bylaws committee, Chapter President's Council and several other committees.

He helped create the accounting model and financial standards used by the industry and has been on the NAPEO's Executive Committee for the past three years.

McCurdy's company, Aspen Consulting Group Inc., merged with TEAM America in late 1987. He has been serving as president of the company's Western Division and is vice president for government affairs. He has been active in the professional employer industry for 17 years and will serve as NAPEO president for one year.

TWIN FALLS.—First Security Bank recently promoted Patti A. Timoney to assistant vice president.

Timoney serves as manager of the bank's Lynwood Branch, where she is responsible for managing community activities and operations, training and development staff and ensuring the bank's compliance with all applicable laws.

She has more than 15 years of banking experience. Timoney also serves on the board of directors for the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley, and the parent-subsidiary organization for O'Leary Junior High School and is a Magic Valley Leadership graduate.

TWIN FALLS.—Dennis Turner, assistant features editor at The Times-News, is a contributing writer to a new Holy Bible titled, The Bible for Today's Christian.



Denise Turner

Woman.

The Bible, released to bookstores by Thomas Nelson Publishers last week, contains study guide information contributed by several

women authors.

Turner is the author of two books, "Home Sweet Fishbowl" (Word Books, 1982) and "Scuff Marks on the Ceiling" (Word Books, 1986), and coauthor of two others, "Discovering Romans" and "Discovering 1 Corinthians" (Guideposts, 1985). She is a contributing author to several books, including "Parenting Questions Women Ask" (Wortham Press, 1989), "On a Busy Christian Develop Her Spiritual Life" (Bethany House, 1994), "It's Just About Christmas" (Tyndale Publishing, 1996) and "The Busy Woman's Guide to a Balanced Life" (Tyndale Publishing, 1997).

Turner, a member of the Idaho Press Club and Twin Falls Lions Club, served as secretary on the 1988 Little League Baseball All-stars board of directors and is listed in "Who's Who of American Women." While at The Times-News she has won several awards from the Associated Press and the Society of Professional Journalists.

TWIN FALLS.—Kent and Cindy Collins, brokers and owners of Three M. Realty, announced a name change to Idaho Homes & Property effective this month.

The change was made because the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co. (3M) decided the names could be a conflict, the local business said. An agreement with 3M has been reached, and the two companies will share the post to implement the change.

The signs will be red and yellow, but the company will have a new logo, the couple said.

To reach Kentor Cindy Collins, call 733-5336 or 543-4558.

TWIN FALLS.—Fred House of Jensen Jewelers in the Magic Valley Mall recently graduated from the Certified Professional Jeweler program.

House completed the 11-week course and received certification. The course involves extensive training in all product areas of the jewelry industry, including diamonds, genuine stones, watches and all facets of jewelry-making.

TWIN FALLS.—Kurt Collins, a 1987 graduate of the Certified Professional Jeweler program, is a contributing writer to a new Holy Bible titled, The Bible for Today's Christian.

Collins is a member of the Twin Falls Lions Club and the Magic Valley Chamber of Commerce.

He is also a member of the Magic Valley Junior High School and is a Magic Valley Leadership graduate.

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Low prices at market and record slaughter numbers are prompting visionaries in the hog industry to invest and expand.

Hog wild: Buy low, sell high

The Times-News

You could say things stink in the hog industry. Prices are wallowing at a near 30-year low, production is way up and slaughterhouses are filled to capacity. All but news for producers.

So why are some operations going hog wild to build new facilities and expand existing ones? Because they smell opportunity, according to those in the know.

"Compare the hog industry to the stock market," said Brian Mauldin, spokesman for the expanding Circle Four Farm in Cedar City, Utah. "When stocks are really cruddy, you don't sell, you buy."

It's pretty simple, he said. Long-term trends in the hog industry are very appealing, and a down market, while harrowing for some, can be the sweet smell of success for others.

Steve Meyer, staff economist with the National Pork Producers Council, agrees.

"It's long-term outlook," he said. "They're not building just for the next 25 years. It's not unusual for businesses of all walks to build plants when times are bad, he added.

While current expansion is long-term, it's not a long shot, according to Meyer. The hog industry is very predictable, cycling about every three to five years.

"There is a very well defined price cycle," he said, adding that 100 years of historical data stand behind current predictions.

Federal policy worries Idaho water official

What works at the state level doesn't always translate into good federal policy. Water users in Idaho have been using the state's negotiated rule making process for a number of years.

"It works fairly well at the state level," said Sheri Chapman, executive director of the Idaho Water Users Association.

But using a similar process at the federal level leaves water users with a queasy feeling.

For Chapman, the primary



Farmbeat

Highlights of this week's Magic Valley Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

problem is with the definitions included in the Environmental Protection Agency's proposal for "advance notice of proposed rule making," otherwise known as ANPRM, regarding water quality standards.

In theory ANPRM would work much like the state's negotiated rule making process. Groups that may be affected by proposed rules are given a sample of the proposed rules by an agency. The groups can comment on the proposal before the proposal is printed for public comment.

"It gives agencies time to change proposed rules to reflect some realities before something is printed in the Federal Register," Chapman said.

On the surface it looks like a good deal for water users and other concerned groups. But buried within the six-page document are troublesome definitions that have led Chapman to con-

clude that the EPA is using the process to implement the Clean Water Act's plan through regulatory action, thus circumventing Congress.

Wheat exports to Egypt aid U.S. farm economy

Idaho's soft white wheat growers may have offered a measure of thanks to Egypt last week when they reflected on their blessings in 1988.

Egypt, which normally does not purchase soft white wheat from the United States, has purchased 1.5 million metric tons of wheat this year. The purchases have come every few months, providing a periodic pickup throughout this otherwise gloomy year.

Dave Sparrow, administrator of the Idaho Wheat Commission, hopes the purchases are a sign of superior grain quality. But he has been told that the buyers are price-related. Soft wheat wheat prices may have fallen to a point where the grain is outperforming cheaply with soft red wheat at the Gulf of Mexico. Best of all, Egypt is a cash customer, he added.

The World of Real Estate

by Donna Rich
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The survey of 400 executives found that compared to an executive who's 35 to 40 years old, an

executive age 41 to 45 will take 10 percent longer to find a new position.

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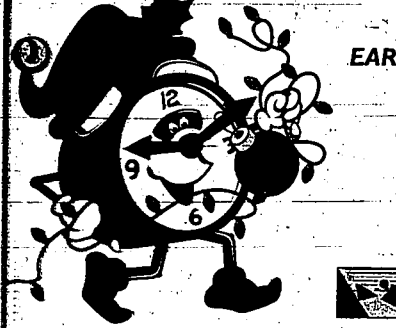
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Secret Society pushes closet happiness

Dallas-based group says it's OK to be merry

DALLAS (AP) — If you're happy and you know it — shhh! There's a spot for you in the Secret Society of Happy People.

If you're happy but don't admit it because other people don't want to hear it, then we're the society for you," says founder Pam Johnson.

The society, founded in August in the Dallas suburb of Irving, promotes the idea that it's OK to be happy, despite the lack of positive response from others.

That's especially true at Christmas, Ms. Johnson says, challenging advice columnist Ann Landers on the subject of family news letters enclosed with holiday cards.

"Spare us the details of the Ivy League schools your children are attending and the honors and awards they have received during the year... Just let us know in a handwritten note that your family is well and doing something useful," said a recent letter signed "Your Cousins in Illinois."

Ann Landers responded: "Dear Cousins: Thank you for expressing sentiments that are sure to be shared (and appreciated) by millions of readers, including me."

In a letter to Ms. Landers, Ms. Johnson demanded an apology "to the millions of people who made feel bad for wanting to share their happy news."

Happiness is about recognizing the happy moments of your life, not about competing with others, Ms. Johnson wrote.

"Happy moments are good things that need to be shared more — not less," she said.

Ms. Landers' editor in Los Angeles, Katherine Seery, said she would pass along Ms. Johnson's letter and request a reply from the columnist.

Americans waste a lot of time discussing topics like "My girlfriend/boyfriend is a jerk..." "I don't like my job..." "I need to lose 30 pounds..." "If I only had more money..." she said.

Hot Jewel sparkles in success

NEW YORK (AP) — With a new album out, a bestselling book of poetry on cassette, and a role in the "Wild Wild West" movie, the new album "Pieces of You" — especially now that her new album "Spirit" is finished.

"Pieces of You" is not a good record," she says, unhappy with her guitar playing and singing.

"It's an embarrassing record, ultimately. It's like having your dirty laundry aired out. I didn't think people would hear it. But it made me realize that all people want is to be touched. They don't care if it's Celine Dion, Meat Loaf, or me."

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Pam Johnson, founder of the Secret Society of Happy People, shows a shirt with the society's logo on it Wednesday in Dallas. The society promotes the idea that it's okay to be happy, despite the lack of positive response from others.

something," Ms. Johnson said. "The society does not suggest that people should pretend they are content or ignore real problems, but urges people to stop grouching and answer the question: 'Are you happier than you admit you are?'"

"Most people think about it for a moment and they reply, 'You know, I am,'" Ms. Johnson said.

According to Ms. Johnson, the society has about 60-plus secretly happy members and recruits mainly through its Internet site: www.sohp.com.

A member who signed herself "Beth," posted a personal testimony to happiness.

"I work with people with disabilities who have suffered injuries from car accidents, falls, etc. They constantly inspire me by showing up at therapy in the morning with a smile on their face and a kind greeting for everyone — perhaps because they recognize how lucky they are to be alive," she wrote.

"When things get crazy and busy, we forget about how lucky we are and how good our lives really are. I think about the many things and people in your life that bring happiness to you, and don't forget to tell loved ones how happy you are that they are in your life," Beth wrote.

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
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
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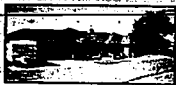
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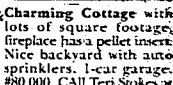
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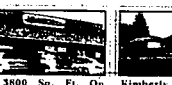
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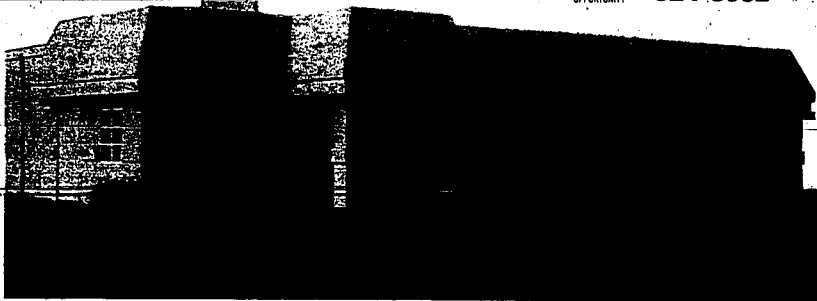
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Everyone always seems to be looking for ways to make Christmas more merry. This year there's a new toy for young and old - designed to smooth the path to the holidays: I just got a letter in the mail announcing the debut of the Y2K doll.

It's a full-body, huggable about the year 2000 computer glitch. The problem has even been given an acronym: Y2K. The Y2K doll is the next logical step, I suppose.

This doll, being distributed by the Dynamast Sales Company out of Oregon, is a merdy-looking monkey wearing a badge that reads, "My name is Y2K. You can blame all of the screw-ups on me."

LIFE AND TIMES

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This is a motion-activated creature who is "thought enough to handle lots of ridicule and criticism" (the whistles and his eyes flash when his path is crossed - lasers included), ready to take all of the blame for the projected computer problems connected with the upcoming millennium.

What's new?

We're all into blaming these days anyway, so the Y2K doll could be the BIG solution to holiday stress. Think about it for a minute. We could get away with blaming all sorts of things on the monkey.

This is a toy that could rank right up there with the top sellers of the season. In past years, we have fought valiant battles to buy Tickle Me Elmo and the Cabbage Patch Kid (I almost got killed just waiting in a line for that one). This year, no clear frontrunner toy has emerged.

Why not Y2K?

Of course, the toy industry experts (how would you like that job?) have said we should expect big things from Furby. He's the spooky-looking virtual pet from Hasbro that speaks his own language (Furbish) and invents words for it.

Just not in my house.

TV has also given us other popular toys, such as the Teletubbies (PBS creatures with TVs in their tummies) - Bluey, Glee and Rugrats (both from Nickelodeon). And there is always Barbie, with the addition, this year, of NASCAR Barbie and WNBA Barbie - as in "Go girl!"

We've sure come a long way from that first-year Teddy Ruxpin, the toy industry's initial attempt at producing an interactive toy. I took old-Teddy back to the store so many times that my daughter finally grew him before she got to play with him. He was always self-destructing.

And yet, on the few days when Teddy was working, at least he was polite. He would have Furby, especially on those occasions when the monkey responds to being ignored by saying, "Boring."

Wonder how Santa Claus feels about all of this stuff. Wonder if he ever gets scared of being attacked by a bunch of rebel Furbies who don't want to go to Jimmy's house.

Christmas used to be so simple, a season filled with more old-fashioned than advanced technology.

I remember one year when my friend Shirley's daughter was about 4 years old and the family was driving home from Christmas Eve services. The little girl looked out the car window and saw a fully-costumed Santa Claus coming out of a house. She panicked and started screaming. "Drive faster! I've got to get to bed! Santa's getting close to our house!"

Today's kids are savvier, I think. This year, they will probably wait until Furby shows up and orders them to bed.

Is that good or bad?

Don't get me wrong. I'm not going to trash a toy that I can blame stuff on. Confess, kids, I've had my share of stressful Christmas.

One year, I got married at Christmas. Another year, I was in the middle of having my house remodeled. And then there was Christmas when we drove 500 miles in blizzard conditions with a 6-month-old baby because the relatives couldn't understand why we wanted to have Christmas at our house.

One thing I think of it, it's seldom been Better Homes and Gardens holiday elegance at the Turner home.

Even now, there is a lot of "stuff" that could dampen my Christmas spirit. If I list it. There are people my Christmas list who figure up how much everyone spends on everyone else, and others who don't send anything to my kids, but would launch nine missile missiles in my direction if I didn't send anything to theirs - just because "we always done it that way."

I also have friends who leave the price tags on their gifts to me (a variation of the figure-up-how-much-they-spend types, I guess) and one bunch that always gets my name in a gift exchange and gives me free trouble from their business, mostly advertising brochures.

There's more I think about it, I think I want a Y2K doll.

I wonder if you can stick pins in it?

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

Simplify the Holidays

10 ways to make joy, not stress, the residue of Christmastime

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

1. Spend less money. The average American family spends \$1,233 a year on Christmas. Unless you're the Brady Bunch, that's way too much - especially since a large percentage of that spending is charged on a credit card. Make it an ironclad rule not to buy anything for Dec. 25 that you can pay for before Dec. 31.

2. Spend less time. Choose two or three days this month to do everything you're going to do for Christmas. Make it a rule that whatever doesn't get done in that time won't get done at all.

3. Spend less anxiety. Much of Christmas stress is about living up to what you think other people's expectations are of you. Skip making the gingerbread house this year, or decorating the outside of your house with lights. You may be surprised to find that no one misses those things - least of all of you.

4. I'll be closed for Christmas. Give yourself a break; don't play innkeeper this year. If Aunt Sally and Uncle Doug come to town, suggest a nice hotel. Or let your sister play hostess this Christmas.

5. Create new traditions. Here's a thought: If "The Little Drummer Boy" played over and over drives you to distraction, don't listen to it this year. Put up candles and wreaths instead of a tree, go caroling instead of mall-hopping.

6. If you have kids, celebrate Christmas for them. If you do that, you can save yourself preparing elaborate meals, throwing new outfits, putting up ornate decorations - even visiting and Christmas cards.

7. Trim, or eliminate, your Christmas card list. Christmas cards - expensive pieces of cardboard - are time saps out of the house and soulless. If you don't have anything personal to say to a friend or loved one, consider not sending them at all. If you do, consider sending it Christmas letter. Better still, send about a personal letter.

8. Stress grows on trees. A Christmas tree is an annual still-point of expressions sitting right in your living room. It's time to ask yourself why it's there.

If it isn't there because you and your family make it a tradition, it's a tradition. If it's slow about making a real center in your room instead of replacing the Christmas tree with a nativity scene, the holiday season is over.

9. Eat simple fare. Rather than making Christmas dinner a 12-course ordeal of cooking, go for Christmas dinner. Or stay home and make it a day of understated, unusual holiday foods - fruits, vegetables, soups, whole-grain breads.

10. Give to someone who needs it. Make a deal with yourself on the 15th: To minimize your Christmas gift, think about the money you save to a local supermarket and have the store donate it to a needy family that someone has



arranged a food gift certificate in their name.

Send a gift certificate for car repair, medical or dental care, house maintenance or another service to a financially strapped family. Or send the cash to the local Red Cross chapter to help families who lose their homes to fire this year.

Or bow about arranging to have a hot

meal delivered to a family that has a child in the hospital this Christmas?

— Sources: "Simplify Your Christmas," by Elaine St. James (Andrews McMeel, \$14.95); "Simplify the Holidays," by Allana Baroni and Vickie Webster (Reader's Digest, \$17.95); Detroit Free Press.

Some tips to a more spiritual holiday season

- Go to church. If you're a member of a Christian denomination, it probably offers many opportunities for celebrating the birth of Christ. Take advantage of more of them.
- Remember that charity is No. 1. Paul said so in his first letter to the Corinthians. Spend your Christmas resources on somebody who really needs them.
- Unload some guilt. The irony of all the gift-giving is that it leaves some folks feeling guilty for not being generous. Try being less generous with your credit card and more generous with your spirit.
- Bury some hate. It's a great time of year for ending family feuds and getting rid of personal grudges. Write a letter to someone you haven't spoken to for a while. Take them out for coffee. Tell them you're sorry, and that you've missed them.
- Visit the lonely. Christmas can be

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FOR IMPROVING THE WAY YOU LIVE

From the attic

1. **Uncluttered space:** Less clutter means more space. Remove items that are not needed, wanted or loved. Donate or discard items that are not needed, wanted or loved. Donate or discard items that are not needed, wanted or loved.

From the kitchen

2. **Eliminate clutter:** Clean out your kitchen. Remove items that are not needed, wanted or loved. Donate or discard items that are not needed, wanted or loved.

From the garden

3. **Eliminate clutter:** Clean out your garden. Remove items that are not needed, wanted or loved. Donate or discard items that are not needed, wanted or loved.

From the basement

4. **Eliminate clutter:** Clean out your basement. Remove items that are not needed, wanted or loved. Donate or discard items that are not needed, wanted or loved.

Experience is the key

Knight Rider News Service

You envy Margaret Roberts. Her holiday shopping is not only finished, but her presents are wrapped. Her cookies are baked and frozen. Her guest list is ready and menus prepared. Her outdoor lights are up.

"I'm at a point where if Christmas were tomorrow, I would be fine," says Roberts, of Royal Oak, Mich.

How can she make it so easy to finish? "I've become more organized over the years," she says modestly. "When my children were young I used to do more at the last minute."

Here's her secret: She shops year-round for the 25 people on her list, including her three grown children and two grandchildren. She keeps a list of gifts and recipients in a notebook. And she wraps as she buys.

"I listen all day. If I'm in a store with something and I think, 'Isn't that cute?' that goes into my memory bank. In July, if I see something, I buy it then, and I do a lot of catalog shopping," she says.

"I used to wait to wrap, but then a week before Christmas, I'd have a hundred packages to go."

She also bakes dozens of cookies in October and keeps them in a freezer. Her husband used to wait until the first blizzard to struggle with the outdoor ladders and lights no more.

With relatives from Scotland coming into town Dec. 12 and a month full of activity ahead, Roberts has a head start.

But there's one thing Roberts has never been able to simplify:

The healing power of love

By Mary Hilbert

We dreaded Christmas that year. It was 1944 and the war would never be over for our family.

The telegram had arrived in August. Bob's few personal possessions, the flag from his coffin, the plot of his burial site in the Philippine Islands, and a Distinct Flying Cross had arrived one by one, adding to our agonizing grief.

Born on a Midwestern prairie, my brother rode horseback to school but wanted to fly an airplane from the first day he saw one. By the time he was 21, we were living in Seattle.

When World War II broke out, Bob headed for the nearest Air Force recruitment office. Slightly built, skinny like his father, he was 10 pounds underweight.

Undaunted, he persuaded Mother to cook every fattening food she could think of. He ate before meals, between



Jack, Carlisle and Allen, three of the four sons of Bob, who died in the Philippines.

meals and after meals. We laughed and called him Lard.

At the Navy Camp, Officers, he stepped on the scale, still three pounds to go. He was desperate. His friends were leaving him in the Marine Air Camp. The next morning, he ate a meal of great bacon, six eggs, two bananas, drank two

gallons of milk and, bloated like a pig, staggered back on the scales. He passed the weight-in with eight ounces to spare.

When he was nominated Hot Pilot of primary training school in Parris, Wash., he involuntarily joined the "Starfighter Club" (senior flying club) at the base at St. Mary's, Calif. We snook our heads and worried. Mother prayed. He was born fearless and she knew it. Before graduating from Corpus Christi, he applied for transfer to the Marine Air Corps at Pensacola, Fla. He trained in torpedo bombers before becoming a pilot.

They said Bob died under enemy fire over New Guinea in the plane he wanted so desperately to fly.

Mother's faith sustained her, but my father aged before our eyes. He would listen politely when the minister came to call. But we knew Daddy was bitter. He dragged himself to work every day but lost interest in everything else.

After his beloved Masonic Club, he wanted a Masonic ring red bad and mother's insistence, started saving for the ring, but, of course, that, too, ceased.

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Visit these Web sites to find the answers, then go to <http://www.4kids.org/detectives/>. How many varieties of sweet corn exist? Africans make up how much of the world population? What is the primary tool of da Vinci's Code? Leicester?



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Give yourself reason to play hooky 10 things parents can do to head off alcohol problems in the family

Go ahead, admit it how. Haven't you ever felt just a little relieved and free when you got rained out? Or when you got snowed in or side tracked by some event beyond your control?

Can you remember as a child how good it felt when someone important came to your school and unexpectedly, you got a "free day"?

How about the time when you were ready to tackle a project, but suddenly, something happened and you had to postpone it? And that gave you a day or two of unexpected leisure?

Maybe, you were in another city and got paid to sight see for a few days.

Most of us should have at least a few memories like these—the elation of sudden free time. They made us feel good. Probably rejuvenated us some, didn't they?

Well, I have a serious suggestion. Most of us need to learn how to "play hooky" every once in awhile. There's a television commercial where two young children ask their mom, "When can we play together?" Mom says she has a meeting with an important client. The youngest child asks, "Mom, when can I be a client?"

The mom stops and then gives the children 5 minutes to get ready for the beach or get left behind. "Yeah, yeah," go the children as they run off in joy.

I don't suggest that you neglect important duties and appointments. However, wouldn't your outlook and attitude improve if every once in a while you gave yourself permission to have a little "un-scheduled play time"?

Couldn't you use a little pull free leisure time? Wouldn't you feel a little more in control if you did?

"I can't do that. I've got work to do." I can hear some of your grunting as you read. Let me ask you: do any of your work call for creativity? If so, are you more creative when you are extremely busy? Or are you more creative when you are relaxed and care-free?

Also, constant, unrelieved stimulation and stress can lead to serious health problems, with our heart disease at the top of the list. Hans Selye, who earned modern stress research, defined stress as "the rate of wear and tear on the body." Which Dr. Paul Pridgen, a prominent cardiologist, comments by saying, "And that's a pretty good definition of aging too, isn't it?"

There, I've given you two good reasons or at least innovative excuses to permit yourself periodically to relax, be happy, and play, quite free.

If you don't know how, I repeat a suggestion: I've made hundreds of times, watch children at play. They will probably exhaust you with their energy if you watch them for very long. They will also show you how to be there in the present moment and how to enjoy the props at hand, too. Children don't need expensive toys to have fun. Dirt, empty boxes, string and imagination still work just fine.

Scheduled "hooky playing," works well. If the idea sounds impossible to you, start slowly. Schedule a three-hour time block on your traditionally slowest day. The first time, stay close to home. The rules are simple: no cellular phones, no beepers, no checking e-mail, no calling into the office to check in. Just you, your thoughts and the freedom to do what you'd like, for three hours. Go to a movie. Take a walk. Go to the gym early and have a longer, leisurely workout. Go bowling. Take a bike ride.

As you convince yourself that the world doesn't end when you take these mini breaks, increase their length. Set a target of a full, out of the ordinary, day off every month. Use the time to indulge yourself, guilt free. This will recharge your emotional batteries. It will help you stay fresh and alive in feeling. One you've developed the positive habits that allow you to "play hooky" like this, protect the time. Don't ever allow it to become a day of coming up. It's a gift to yourself. Act surprised and enjoy it.

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What parents can do to avoid problems with alcohol and their children:

1. Be firm in the "no use before 21:21 message you give your child.
2. If you drink, be a good role model. Your actions speak louder than words.
3. Never serve alcohol to anyone under 21.
4. Educate yourself about the health and legal consequences of underage drinking.
5. Teach your child to have a critical eye when viewing alcohol industry advertisements and promotions.
6. Talk to your child about how to say no to alcohol and other drugs yet still save face with friends.
7. Team up and talk with other parents.
8. Make sure you know the

views of parents at the homes that your children visit, particularly if your children plan to stay overnight.

9. Don't allow your child to host or attend a party that is unsupervised by adults. Make sure you have the same definition of supervision.

10. Develop open lines of communication so your children feel comfortable talking to you about alcohol and other difficult subjects. Listen.

Source: Prevention Coalition of Southeast Michigan (PREVCO), Detroit Free Press

Soup

Continued from F1

I treaded the approach of Christmas.

Bob loved Christmas.

His enthusiasm would excite us long before reason took over.

His surprises were legendary.

His gifts were made at school, a puppy hidden in a mysterious place for our little brother, an expensive dress for Mother bought with the very first money he had earned.

Everything had to be a surprise.

What would Christmas be without Bob? Not much.

Auntie nodes and Grandmother were coming, so we went through the motions as much for

memory as anything else, but our hearts weren't in it.

On Dec. 23, another official-looking package arrived.

My father watched stone-faced as Mother unpacked Bob's Navy dress blues.

Silence hung heavy.

As she refolded the uniform to put away, a mother's practicality surfaced and she went through the pockets almost by rote, acting with grief.

In a small inside jacket pocket was a neatly folded \$50 bill with a tiny note in Bob's father handwriting. "For Dad's Masonic rifle."

If I live to be 100, I will never forget the look on my

father's face.

Some kind of beautiful transformation took place—a touch of wonder, a hint of joy, a quieter serenity that was glorious to behold.

Oh, the healing power of love!

He stood transfixed, staring at the note and the trimly folded bill in his hand for what seemed an eternity, then walked to Bob's picture hanging prominently on the wall and solemnly saluted.

"Merry Christmas, son," he murmured, and turned to welcome Christmas.

To submit a story for future publication, send it to P.O. Box 30880, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93130.

Cell phones elicit pro and con feelings

DEAR ABBY: This is a response to your answer to Carol Ruching of Omaha, which you said there should be a law restricting the use of cell phones while driving.

Your knee-jerk reaction turns all of our freedoms. Perhaps you will next suggest we pass laws that state:

* No tuning the radio while driving.

* No looking at your passenger during conversation while driving.

* No adjusting the temperature while driving.

* No driving without eight hours of sleep.

"I could go on and on. We'll always have traffic accidents no matter how many laws you try to pass. This potential loss of freedom is much more tragic."

The marketplace can address these issues without requiring more laws. For example, the radio and heat controls could be located on the steering wheel for ease of use while driving. And there's no reason the cell phone can't be integrated into the car to allow hands-free use. Remember the CB radio? Truck drivers have used them for more than 20 years while driving.

You just have to give people the time to adjust to new technology, not attach restrictive laws with each new development.

— TOMMYNCH, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

DEAR TOM: As someone who



DEAR ABBY

has seen drivers holding cell phones in one hand and gesturing with the other while driving. I must disagree.

A study in 1999 by the University of Toronto researchers Donald Redelmeier and Robert Tibshirani concluded that drivers talking on cell phones are four times as likely to have an accident as those who do not use cell phones while behind the wheel.

The communications director of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety was recently quoted as saying, "There's no question that cell phones contribute to crashes." Read on.

DEAR ABBY: Your suggestion of a law requiring people to pull over to use cell phones is a good one. I have read that statistically, talking on the phone while driving is as dangerous as drunk driving.

Why isn't this publicized more? My husband, a commuter, and I almost daily must use fast-lane dodge drivers who are talking on their cell phones while zooming along at 85 mph and getting in and out of freeway traffic.

I think phoning and drinking should be as illegal as driving

and driving.

How about a campaign, Abby, with slogans and posters: "It was the last call he ever made," or "There are no phones in coffins," or a picture of a mom in a hospital bed, with the words: "She can't come to the phone right now—she's in a coma." It could save as many lives as Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

— MARY SUE PLANKS, SAN FRANCISCO (CALL ME WHATEVER YOU WANT, BUT DON'T DO IT FROM YOUR CAR)

DEAR MARY SUE: Thank you for a letter that's sure to be thought-provoking for many people with cell phones. If it makes just one person pull over and stop before making a call, it will have been worth the space in my column.

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Violence reigns in video games

The Orange County Register

Our Harley-Davidson rumbles into Raccoon City, an urban landscape of all-night diners, gas stations and shops. It's dark by the time we join our guide, 16-year-old Ryan Goodwin.

For our journey, Ryan assumes the identity of Clare Redfield, a "lighthearted and articulate modern woman" with an unexplained fondness for hot pants, black Spandex and 9 mm handguns.

He takes us down the narrow, echoing hallways of Raccoon's police station. Suddenly, we're surrounded by Zombie cops who moan as they shuffle toward us. Ryan opens fire; bullets strike with a dull thud and a spray of crimson. The bodies slump to the floor, twitching and hemorrhaging, a bloody apron growing under them.

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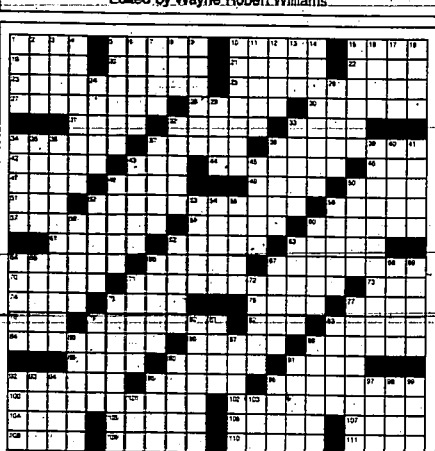
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REVIEWS OF NEW MOVIES FROM A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Combined wire services

"Babe: Pig in the City" (G) — Real Theater of Twin Falls, Jerome Cinema. Magic Lantern of Ketchum.

Best for: Anyone who enjoyed "Babe."

What it's about: After Babe wins the National Sheepdog Competition and becomes star, life gets hard on the farm. Babe journeys to the city to help his "human" Esme Hoggett (Magda Szubanski) save the farm from bankruptcy. Their adventures introduce Babe to a new cast of animals and characters that helps him learn valuable lessons about himself, life on the farm, and how a kind and steady heart can endure against darkness and evil.

The good: With more than 200 cats, numerous species of dogs (including a Jack Russell terrier, whose arthritic hind legs are mounted on wheels), a trio of chimpanzees named Easy, Zootie and Job, and numerous others (800 animals in all on the set), this is a story that kids, teens and adult lovers will wholeheartedly embrace. The dialogue is as fresh and witty as the signals and the city setting lend a different feel. My favorite is the end of the three mice who stay away but come out to sing when needed and lead a hilarious twist to the story. Babe is delightfully brave and just as funny and precious as before. The menagerie of animals lends a broader assortment of laughs and characters to the story but continues to keep the focus on the heart of Babe's quest.

The not-so-good: Can't think of a reason not to see this movie — it's a winner even if you don't have kids.

Offensive language: None

See None

"Annie" (PG) — Moose Jaw, 12:45 in this computer-animated film about a worker and who doesn't like his place in life. With a sophisticated sense of humor and a smattering of bad language, "Annie" is aimed at children 8 and older. The animation is beautiful, and both young and old will probably be entertained (80 minutes) (Twin Cinema, Liberty Theatre, Idaho Falls).

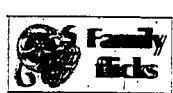
Entertainment value: A

"Enemy of the State" (R) — The Orpheum of Twin Falls, Century Cinema of Burley, Magic Lantern of Ketchum.

Best for: Adults who enjoy an intriguing mystery with lots of action.

What it's about: Robert Dean (Will Smith) is a successful attorney, a loving husband and devoted father whose life is turned upside down when he discovers he's framed for murder by a corrupt intelligence official (Jon Voight).

He seeks help from a mysterious, underground ex-intelligence operative (Gene Hackman) who goes underground to protect him.



Family Ficks

Jake Bussey, Lisa: Home to Star.

The good: An edge-on-thriller that explores the world of underground intelligence, surveillance and espionage, and provides just what's frightening the "Big Brother" concept: reality. Lots of action, explosions, intense scenes and special effects. Smith is able to play serious without being too light on his feet, and well with Hackman. This movie will make you paranoid about the high-tech world of surveillance and intelligence.

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Offensive language: Lots of it

Adult dialogue about an extramarital affair.

See None

"Night at the Roxbury" (PG-13) — A little sex and some scattered profanity present the major red lights in this "Saturday Night Live" spin-off about two goofy club hoppers. If you're the kids watch "SNL," there's nothing much worse in here. "Wayne's World" type humor should be a hit with early teens (83 minutes) (Twin Cinema).

Entertainment value: B

"Pleasantville" (PG-13) — Older teens will enjoy this comedy of idealism and cynicism, but younger children will be confused. When two kids of the liberalized '90s are swept into a television show of the repressed '50s, there's an abundance of sexual talk (110 minutes) (Twin Cinema).

Entertainment value: B

"Practical Magic" (PG-13) — Teenage girls form one of the core audiences for this romantic fantasy, which emphasizes the bond between two sisters who hail from a family of witches. The movie contains humor and sympathy, but the mood is mischievous rather than salacious (110 minutes) (Twin Cinema).

Entertainment value: B

"The Rugrats Movie" (G) — Kids, particularly those expecting a new sibling, should get a kick out of "The Rugrats Movie," the first feature effort from the smashable "Rugrats" franchise that's already a hit on television stage and local lunchboxes. Amid the wisecracks, perpetual 1-year-old Tommy Pickles learns to like his new brother, Dil — after getting lost in a jungle surrounded by vicious monkeys, of course (85 minutes) (Twin Cinema, Century Cinema).

Entertainment value: B

"Rush Hour" (PG-13) wiggles below the R line because it avoids sex and its violence is mostly cartoonish. But this Jackie Chan-Kurt Russell comic action flick has its share of boiler-plate and salty language. (You can hear stick to the straight PG fare. Otherwise, this is an immensely entertaining comic shoot-up that should be perfect for teen-age thrill-seekers (95 minutes) (Twin Cinema).

Entertainment value: B

"Till We Meet Again" (PG-13) — Young fans of "Home Improvement" alumnus Jonathan Taylor Thomas should save this silly family comedy about a college kid in a Santa suit trying to get home for Christmas without ID or money. The movie features some mild language and rude jokes, but it has a generally good-humored, affirmative message (86 minutes) (Real Theater of Twin Falls).

Entertainment value: B

"Meet Joe Black" (PG-13) — The lushness of romantic fantasy (features excellent performances) but the three-hour length and the deconstructed subject matter will challenge all but the most mature teens. Brad Pitt stars, and there's one scene featuring partial nudity (129 minutes) (Twin Cinema, Century Cinema).

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Kids are in therapy, parents to blame

"Why," asked a journalist, "do so many of today's parents take their children to therapists?"

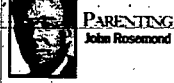
The question strikes at the heart of the child-rearing problems experienced by too many parents, who ask, "Why is it that although we work much harder at parenting than our parents, we have so many more problems with our children than they had with theirs?"

The answer to both questions is that parents of a previous era looked upon a child's behavior — or misbehavior — as a moral issue, but the contemporary parent is more persuaded to look upon it as a psychological issue. This shift in America's child-rearing outlook reflects a more fundamental, all-encompassing cultural transformation from the scriptural to the secular.

The scriptural view of misbehavior holds that it is a moral problem, a matter of right versus wrong. The child succumbed to temptation. As a result, a parent's instinctive impulse, he made an antisocial choice which, if not a fully conscious one, needs to be brought to consciousness through punishing consequences.

Punishment affirms accountability. For the child to exercise control over free will, he has to learn that "free will ain't free."

The secular view holds that misbehavior is either a psychological or biological issue (or a combination). Misbehavior is the product of either (a) stress, anger, low self-esteem, conflict,



PARENTING
John Rosemond

or some other psychological condition, or (b) a biochemical imbalance, bad genes, allergies, etc.

In either case, the child "can't help it." Therefore, he deserves not punishment, but understanding. Once his parents understand (supposedly) the problem, they are obligated to make every effort to resolve it. If they do not feel qualified to understand the problem and resolve it, then they are to take the child to an expert who is trained in such matters.

Within the secular context, the child is not completely responsible for his misbehavior. He is merely a "victim" driven to behave as he does by psychological and/or biological winds. He is a victim of circumstances beyond his control.

No where the pre-1960s child had no excuse for misbehavior. Today's child is given one excuse after another. Not surprisingly, the behavior of children now is more antisocial than has ever been true.

Most interestingly, although secularists profess to be pro-parent during the secular view of child and child-rearing is far

more likely than the scriptural view to result in parental guilt.

The scriptural view holds that knowing the difference between right and wrong, a child chooses to misbehave. His parents are responsible for dealing properly with the misbehavior, but the scriptural view does not presume that they caused it through parenting sins of omission or commission.

But that is exactly what the secular view implies. The child's parents have but two means of escaping this trap. They can escape by successfully pointing the finger of blame at some other agent: teacher, playmate, the school curriculum, a television show the child watched (at someone else's house, no doubt), and so on. Or, they can escape by finding an expert who will tell them the problem is biological, not psychological.

In other words, it has nothing to do with them.

The secular view of children and child-rearing has given us an epidemic rise in antisocial behavior on the part of children, a spate of parental guilt, and the notion that biology determines the choices one makes.

Have we hit bottom yet?

John Rosemond is a family psychologist in North Carolina. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at P.O. Box 4124, Gastonia, NC 28054 and at john@rosemond.com or on the Internet at www.rosemond.com.

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Call and leave your message at 733-0931, Ext. 602. For more information, call Denise Turner at 733-0931, Ext. 243.

ON THE JOB

Undress code

You've seen always when you go into a fitting room to undress and try on clothes. In stores where shoplifting is rampant, you are being watched via video camera by a security guard.

Boomers over the hill?

You now know you're getting on in life. Baby Boomers, members of the generation that once embodied youth are finding that their age can be an obstacle when looking for jobs, says Eric-U-Net, a firm that specializes in job information over the Internet. The survey of 400 executives found that com-

pared with an executive who's 35 to 40 years old, an executive age 41 to 45 will take 18 percent longer to find a new position.

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Categories

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Winter wonderland: We are looking for a winter or holiday landscape that shows the beauty of the land or the holiday.

Your neighbor putting up Christmas lights at dusk or just the South Hills dusted with their first snow would make great entries.

Family or friends: A really good portrait of your loved ones (the two-legged variety only, please), preferably with a holiday theme.

The rules

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Enter our holiday photo contest!

Categories

Yes, we know you have a dozen great pictures of Aunt Tillie; just pick your best three.

Entries must be in the form of slides or negatives.

No Polaroids, please.

If you have a print made from a negative but have lost the negative, send it in. The judges will decide if your print is a good enough print to make the print publication.

If you want to have your entry returned, please write "I want my entry returned" on the back of the slide or negative (it needs to be stamped).

Or you can peek them up at the Twin Falls office after Christmas.

By entering the contest, you give The Times-News the right to publish your picture.

Deadline

Entries must be in our hands by Friday. We'll publish the winning entries in the Family Life section on Sunday, Dec. 20.

Prizes

The first-prize winner will receive \$50. Prizes for second- and third-place finishers will be \$25 and \$15, respectively.

How to enter

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Serving the NorthSide

HERE'S TO A WELL-DONE SPEECH



Major Valley Toastmasters President Valden Hancock congratulates daughter Laura Hancock after she gave her first speech known as an "ice-breaker."

Communication is the key for Toastmasters

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Toastmasters would like to extend an invitation to anyone interested in joining the group or seeing Toastmasters live.

A special luncheon meeting will be held at 12:10 p.m. on Dec. 8 at Muggers Brewery, 316 2nd St. S. in Twin Falls. Kevin Glenn will give a speech enti-

led "Breaking Parkinson's Law" and Ben Collins give a talk called "Hunting the California Bighorn." For more details, contact Ben Collins at 842-8169.

Toastmasters is more than an organization where members go to meetings to give speeches.

While speeches are an integral part of

Toastmasters meetings, the group aims at the development of effective communication and leadership.

Everyone talks at the meetings by introducing speakers, giving prepared speeches, conducting meetings and performing other roles. These tasks provide a wide variety of communication experiences and the way to improve.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Only main dishes are listed. All schools serve milk with meals.	
BLAINE COUNTY SCHOOLS	
Self-serve bar available every day. No self-serve bar available at Bellevue School.	
Monday: Cheeseburgers	Tuesday: No school
Wednesday: No school	Thursday: Canadian bacon pizza
Friday: Beef fajitas	
BLISS	
Breakfast served every day.	
Lunch: Choice of mainline or salad bar available Monday through Thursday with potato bar every other day.	
Monday: Chicken nuggets	Tuesday: Tuna Sandwiches
Wednesday: Chili	Thursday: Lasagna
Friday: Pizza	
DIETRICH	
Breakfast: Choice of juice, milk, hot chocolate, cereal, toast or muffin.	
Lunch: Salad bar and variety of fruit choices.	
Monday: Chicken parties	Tuesday: Chig
Wednesday: French toast and ham	Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: Tacos	
GLENN FERRY	
Monday: Ham and cheese pockets	
Tuesday: Hot turkey sandwiches	
Wednesday: Atlatol chicken	
Thursday: Hot roast beef sandwiches	
Friday: Taco soup	
GOODING ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL	
Breakfast served every day.	
Lunch: Salad bar, potato bar or deli bar available on alternating days. Also choice of hamburger line, pizza line or ala carte items.	
Monday: Soup and rolls	Tuesday: Hamburgers
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets	Thursday: Macaroni and cheese
Friday: Beef stew	
GOODING HIGH SCHOOL	
Breakfast served every day.	
Lunch: Salad bar, potato bar or deli bar available on alternating days. Also choice of hamburger line, pizza line or ala carte items.	
Monday: Ham and cheese sandwiches	Tuesday: Chicken
Wednesday: Deli beef sandwiches	Thursday: Turkey pot pie
Friday: Hamburgers	
IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND	
Breakfast: Choice of juice, fruit, and cereal	
Monday: Cereal with scrambled eggs	
Tuesday: Cereal with fruit	
Wednesday: Cereal with french toast	
Thursday: Ham and eggs	
Friday: Ham and eggs	
JEEROME SCHOOLS	
Breakfast: served every day.	
Lunch: All people school and high school, hamburger line or pizza line served daily, main line, or ala carte items. Deli sandwich served once weekly.	
Monday: Chicken stir fry	Tuesday: Chicken sandwiches
Wednesday: French bread pizza	Thursday: French dip sandwiches
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Shoshone plans banquet

SHOSHONE - The Shoshone Chamber of Commerce has planned its annual banquet for 7 p.m. Monday at the Golden Years Senior Center.

The chamber has decorated the streets in town and is asking the residents to decorate their yards for the Christmas holiday. Four residents will be rewarded for their efforts with \$50 prizes from the chamber. Displays should be lit from Dec. 17 until Christmas so a team of judges will be able to determine the winners. For more information, call June Admstrong, lighting contest chairman, at 896-5247.

Chamber members will meet at 5 p.m. Dec. 17 at the senior center to fill goodie bags for Santa and Mrs. Claus to distribute.

Santa Claus will arrive in Shoshone on Dec. 18. He and Mrs. Claus will be available from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the gym at the new high school. Free videos will be shown before Santa's visit, beginning at 2 p.m. (The chamber is not able to offer a movie at the Shoshone Shoshone this year because of a remodeling project.)

Chamber sells cinnamon rolls

JEEROME - The North Side Food Chamber is making cinnamon rolls Thursday to sell.

Rolls will be \$4 for a dozen or \$2 for a half dozen. Proceeds will go to a Jeremie family for Christmas.

Orders will be taken through Tuesday by calling 724-0111.

Hurley riders plan dinner

TWIN FALLS - The Hurley Davidson Riders will meet for their monthly dinner at 7 p.m. Monday at the Airport Grill.

For more information, call Roger or Brenda at 724-0151.

20th Century Club will meet

TWIN FALLS - The December 19th club meeting of the 20th Century Club is planned for noon Tuesday at the Turf Club.

A special program will feature a group of parents from the Idaho State School for the Deaf and Blind.

Members are reminded of dues and to bring books to donate for the club's book sales in January and February.

Late reservations or cancellations can be made by calling Sunda at 733-0501 before 10 a.m. Monday.

Orienteering goes Nordic

TWIN FALLS - An orienteering session will be the highlight of the next High Desert Nordic Association meeting, set for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Idaho Joe's Restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

Discussion will focus on how to find your way around in the back country using a compass, map and other simple tools. One goal is to help cross-country skiers envision the terrain given in a topography map. Bring a compass, straight edge and pencil.

Health program seeks women

TWIN FALLS - The South Central District Health Department is looking for women to participate in the Idaho Women's Health Check program.

The program offers free health exams, including gynecological and mammograms, to women between the ages of 50 and 64. To qualify, women must be income eligible and have no insurance coverage for these services.

A clinic is planned for 9 a.m. to noon Friday at the Twin Falls office, 1020 Washington St. N. next to the Crater of the Moon. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call 734-5900, Ext. 249.

Freeze-on-Skis at the falls

TWIN FALLS - The 12th Annual Freeze-On-Skis is planned for noon Jan. 1, 1999, at Shoshone Falls.

Sponsor sheets are available at Pigeon Tree Sports in Burley and Claude's Sports, Ellevation Sports, Century Boatland and The Times-News, all in Twin Falls.

Everyone is invited to water ski, kneeboard or wakeboard to raise money for charities. Net proceeds will go to the Twin Falls Search and Rescue (east and west end units) and Jeremie Search and Rescue in memory of Joe Warr. Warr believed in search and rescue and was one of the top fundraisers for Freeze on Skis for the last five years. He died in March 1996.

Skiers who raise a minimum of \$35 will receive a T-shirt. Those raising \$200 or more will receive jackets. Prizes to be awarded to the most fundraisers include a top prize of \$1,215 and under category and over \$1,215 category.

Anyone interested in skiing, making a donation or more information is encouraged to call Wade Gerber at 733-8989 or Leona Gerber at 734-2543.

The event is sponsored by the Magic Valley Jaycees, Mix 103 and Pinetree Sports.

Oakley plans 'Fiddler' auditions

OAKLEY - The Oakley Valley Arts Council will hold auditions for "Fiddler on the Roof" from 7 to 10 p.m. Dec. 17 and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 19 at the Howells Opera House.

The production will be OVAC's 25th anniversary show.

Characters in the show include Teyve, dairyman; Golda, his wife; Tzeitel, Golda's daughter; Shmyle, the dairyman's daughter; Yente, the matchmaker; Motel, the tailor; Perchik, the student; Lazar Wolf, the barber; Mordcha, the innkeeper; Rabin; Mendel, Rabin's son; Avraham, bookkeeper; Nachum, the beggar; Grandsa Tzeitel; Fruma-Sarah; Constable; Fiedka; Shaindel; Motel's mother; The Fiddler; and 11 Chaperons, the chorus.

Kent Severe will direct the show and be assisted by David Miller, Brendon Gortzinger, Connie Elison, Lori Sue Emery, Gail Gillette, Boonie Zollinger and Diane Rock. Three performances will be held between March 11 and 27, 1999.

For more information, call Severe at 862-3266 or 878-3725 after 4 p.m.

Hagerman Fossil Beds celebrates with open house

By Morlan Ray
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - The Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument held an open house Nov. 18 to celebrate its 10-year anniversary. Superintendent Neil King gave the dedication. He spoke on the history of the fossil beds and presented a plaque to Dick Cook in honor of his father, Elmer Cook, who lived from 1887-1961.

Cook also spoke about some of his experiences digging up with fossil bones in his yard. Elmer Cook owned a cattle ranch at the fossil beds. When he discovered the bones, he tried to bring them to the attention of others, but no one seemed interested. In 1928 Elmer showed some of the fossil bones to Dr. H.T. Stearns of the U.S. Geological Survey. Stearns passed the bones on to Dr. J.W. Gidley at the Smithsonian Institute, who brought worldwide recognition to what became known as the "Hagerman Horse."

The Hagerman Fossil Beds represents the largest collection ever found of an extinct species.

In honor of Elmer Cook's recognition of the importance of the Hagerman Fossil Beds and his dedication to share this with the world, the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument is dedicating a classroom in his name.

The monument's objective is to work with all area schools to teach a variety of



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scientific subject including the paleontology of Hagerman Valley. Elmer Cook has donated \$30,000 for the monument materials. Spoken for the Elmer Cook Classroom is currently available, but a permanent facility is in the planning stages.

Last January, the federal government purchased a 75-acre farm along the Snake River two miles south of Hagerman. When it was available, the farm-house will be converted into a new visitor center, with a large research laboratory, and the Elmer Cook Classroom.

Rec district classes will start

JEEROME - The Jeremie Recreation District is offering two new classes that start soon.

Lendinamatory Reconditioning and Free Vals Initiator Training in one night with the Aerobic First Aid program is planned for 6 to 10 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Jeremie Community Center. Cost is \$25 (\$10 for a district).

Yacht Team (open to kids to practice nautical relay for fun). The recreation district gym will be open from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free.

CLASSES

Other offerings at the center include the following:

A Make It and Take It for Kids will be held Saturday with ages 10 and up meeting from 10 a.m. to noon and ages 7 and up from 1 to 3 p.m. Cost is \$7 (\$10 for out of district) per class.

Youth basketball registration is Monday through Dec. 19. The recreation center will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; it will stay open until 6 p.m. on Dec. 16 and 17, and will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Dec. 19. The fee is \$12.

Leagues for boys and girls in first through sixth grades are available.

Women's basketball leagues, co-sponsored by the Twin Falls Recreation and Jeremie Recreation districts, are for women ages 16 and up. Rosters and fees are due by Dec. 15. Play begins in January with games scheduled in both Twin Falls and Jeremie. League fees are \$460. Call 324-3855 or 736-2255 for information.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. For more information or to register, call 324-3855 or stop by the recreation center, 2444 S. Lincoln.

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ANNIVERSARIES

THE HARVEYS

KIMBERLY — Mr. and Mrs. Russell E. Harvey of Kimberly will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary today with their immediate family.

Harvey and Norma Gleason were married Dec. 6, 1943, in Santa Ana, Calif.

They have three children, Linda H. Jensen, Gayle A. Greenlee and Pamela Jo Murphy. The couple has six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Russell and Norma Harvey

THE MILANS

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Milam of Twin Falls will be honored Dec. 13 for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Grange Hall on Highway 24 south of Twin Falls (from the water tank on South Washington) and one-half mile west on the south side of the road.

Milam and Ann Hall were married Dec. 23, 1948, in Aztec, N.M. They followed construction work throughout the southwest until they moved to Twin Falls in 1954. They owned and operated Del Milam & Sons Inc. and did construction work all over southern Idaho until they retired in 1977.

The couple has four children, 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Delbert and Ann Milam

HANEY — BALDERAS

TWIN FALLS — George and Irene Haney of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Ruth Haney, to Brett Samuel Balderas, son of Sam and Kristine Balderas of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Haney is a 1993 graduate of Twin Falls High School and a 1997 graduate of Albion College of Idaho.

Balderas graduated in 1992 from Taylorsville High School in Salt Lake City and attended Salt Lake Community College. The wedding is planned for



Kristen Haney and Brett Balderas

Thursday in the Salt Lake LDS Temple in Salt Lake City.

SWAN — SLACK

JEROME — John and Marlene (Marti) Swan of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Nicole Swan, to Jason Slack, son of Kenneth and Merrilee Slack of Houston, Texas, and formerly of West Valley, Utah.

Slack graduated from Jerome High School, where she participated in many extracurricular activities and was a member of the National Honor Society. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Utah State University, where she is currently enrolled in the masters of school counseling program. She will graduate in the spring and plans to counsel elementary children.

Slack graduated from Granger High School in West Valley City, Utah, and attended Utah State University, where he was awarded an academic scholarship to study aeronautical engineering. He served an LDS mission in the Argentina-Buenos Aires West Mission. He is currently enrolled at USU.

The wedding is planned for Dec. 18 in the Logan LDS Temple. A reception will be held that evening in West Valley, Utah, and on Dec. 19 in Jerome.



Heather Swan and Jason Slack

STARK — BIGGS

KIMBERLY — Robert and Dorothy Stark of Kimberly announce the engagement of their daughter, Chandra Lynn Stark, to Jeremy James Biggs, son of David and Patricia Biggs of Sandy, Utah.

Stark is a 1995 graduate of Kimberly High School and is attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, where she will graduate in business management in April 1999. She is employed as an SVT.

Biggs graduated in 1994 from University High School in Irvine, Calif., and served an LDS mission in the New Jersey-Cherry Hill Spanish-speaking Mission. He is attending the University of Utah, majoring in pre-med. He is employed by Salt Lake County.



Jeremy Biggs and Chandra Stark

Public Defender's office and the University of Utah. The wedding is planned for Dec. 19 in the Burdett LDS Temple. The couple will reside in Salt Lake City, Utah.

STARK — OLSEN

TWIN FALLS — Mark and Jan Stubbs of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Ann Stubbs, to Richard L. Olsen, son of Stephen and Lavada Olsen of Auburn, Wis., and the late Laurel Lee (B) Olsen.

Stubbs is a 1993 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending Utah State University in Logan, Utah, where she will graduate in April. She served an LDS mission in Spain. She works part time at the Boys and Girls Club in Logan.

Olsen is a graduate of Utah State University, where he will receive his master degree in history in April. He served an LDS mission in Hawaii. He is employed by USU and plans to attend law school.



Richard Olsen and Julie Stubbs

The wedding is planned for Jan. 19 in the Logan LDS Temple.

WEDDINGS

STAUFFER — RICE

BOISE — Aimee Diane Stauffer and Troy Francis Rice were married Aug. 29 at St. Chapelle in Caldwell.

Ministry Michelle Towsley was the officiant.

The bride is the daughter of Diane Stauffer of Jerome and Jan Stauffer of Boise.

Parents of the bridegroom are Kelly Rice of Twin Falls and Kay Stevens of Eagle.

Time Rice, sister-in-law of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor.

Bridesmaids included Lynne Wilson, Judy Kusterer and Amy Carlson, friends of the bride.

Kelly Rice, father of the groom, served as best man of the groom.



Aimee and Troy Rice

Jerome, and grandmother of the bridegroom, Wilma Pedron of Eagle.

A reception was held following the ceremony.

Serving were Ann Cox, Debbie Snow and Wendy Arrighi, friends of the bride and groom.

The bride is a graduate of Boise State University. She is employed at Meridian School District.

The bridegroom is a graduate of BSU and is employed at Centennial High School.

The newlyweds reside in Boise.

ELLER — HUGHES

TWIN FALLS — Sharrise Marie Eller (Nutting) and John Wesley Hughes were married Aug. 5 at the Lake Front Wedding Chapel in South Lake Tahoe.

The bride is the daughter of Steve and Pam Nutting of Kimberly.

The bridegroom is the son of Wesley and Yvonne Hughes of Salt Lake City, Utah.

The couple resides in Twin Falls.



Sharrise and John Hughes

FAMILY NEWS YOU CAN USE

A number of uses

If your children need some extra help with math or just want to build on their current skills, there's a new hand-held electronic game called MathShark by California toy developer, Educational Insights. It teaches everything from addition to pre-algebra concepts in bear-shaped games and puzzles. In addition to games, MathShark also has a calculator mode. It sells for \$39.95 at educational and toy retailers.

Do-it-yourself pre-nup

And for the fiancé who has everything... except a law degree, there's a new book called "How to Write Your Own Premarital Agreement." Attorney Edward A. Haman's book (\$19.95, Sourcebooks, Inc.) includes all necessary forms.

—Compiled from wire service reports

Find the price point

Veteran hagglers give the following tips:

- Choose independent local stores over large chains. Non-chains usually are more willing to negotiate.
- Deal with decision-makers. Owners and managers have more discretion than clerks and sales associates.
- Don't be in a hurry to haggle. Talk first and establish a relationship. You'll be more effective.
- Don't be in a rush to name a price. In haggling, the person who names a price first loses, because they also lose the right to counter.

—Source: Kansas City Star

Magic Valley Wedding Planning Directory

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Take the healthy route for honeymoon traveling

The Gazette

If you're honeymooning over the holidays, you could have some considerable traveling companions: cold and flu bugs.

However, there are ways to minimize the risk of getting sick while on vacation, says Dr. Rox Dewart, director of the travel health section of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

To practice the same healthy behavior that you know to practice at home," she says. Sometimes, people change their behavior on vacation and become more relaxed and less concerned about safety and health.

"Nothing is foolproof," Dewart says. But your chances of staying healthy are better if you prepare and pack sensibly. Fatigue and changes in diet and climate can weaken the immune system and increase susceptibility to infection, whether you're here or abroad, she says. Travelers' diarrhea is the most frequently reported problem, particularly in warmer climates south of the border, where water and food safety is not as stringent, Dewart says. Common

For more information

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, toll-free (800) 232-3299 and listen to voice prompts for the region you plan to visit, or <http://www.cdc.gov> for alerts on disease outbreaks, foodborne and health risks for domestic and overseas destinations.
- U.S. State Department, (202) 647-6575 for information on travel risks including war and civil unrest or natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes, or earthquakes.
- Ask your travel agent for any precautions required for your destination.

symptoms are change in stool, nausea, cramping, bloating, vomiting and fever. She advises travelers to stay hydrated by drinking lots of water, but drink only bottled water if you are out of the country. Carbonated drinks are even better than water, Dewart says. "Carbonation inhibits the growth of organisms; for some reason they don't like it." Ice in cold drinks can be made from contaminated water and pose a problem, but hot beverages and alcohol

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DIETETICS

Start on the road to fitness today

The Orange County Register

A good fitness program includes cardiovascular conditioning, aerobically training and maintaining flexibility activities.

There are some tips to getting started:

• Check with your physician before beginning any exercise program.

• If possible, consult with a personal trainer or personal fitness trainer instructed in older adult exercise.

A good trainer takes into account your medical history, previous injuries, fears and existing health problems.

• Follow a personal trainer design a weight-training program.

• Use resistance bands or machines as well as stretching, aerobic and back exercises.

• Learn to monitor your heart rate, if you have a heart-rate monitor and use it.

Children question stepmother's power of attorney over estate

Q. When it came time to sort out my father's estate and provide for his wife and children, my brother and I are the sole beneficiaries. We began to suspect that during the last years of his life when he was incapacitated, an attorney named Jan Collins had two children of her own — used my father's power of attorney to gain access to his assets and income and used his finances to provide for her and her children.

According to her story, the bank and assets meant for my brother and me under Dad's will were used to pay for his medical care and other son living expenses. But we believe that she did not use any of her premarital assets or income or any of the property which had been set aside for her under the terms of the premarital agreement she entered into with my father. We believe that she also used his funds, which would have ultimately belonged to me and my brother.

My brother says that since the power of attorney is very broad, my stepmother could have done practically anything with the money without making an accounting. He also says we must prove what we think she did. But we can't gain access to any of my father's records. The executor of his estate has refused to seek records from my stepmother, will not get a copy of the tax return for the year in which he died, made only a cursory review of withdrawals from his accounts, and performed no audit of medical bills and insurance reimbursements. He says that my brother and I cannot get any of any of these records due to privacy laws.

Because my father's estate was so dependent, my brother suggests we just put all behind us rather than in a long legal fight. But we are devastated. Is the state of the law such that a devious stepmother can walk away with everything? Is there any way to get my father's records? Any rights to ensure that family assets are passed on in accordance with my father's wishes?

A. The attorney is a slippery creature. Cause many are in legal problems involve addressed in advance with appropriate documents that clearly state the intentions of the parties.

But to be sure, the attorney can publish this year that could have otherwise been avoided.

Resources for seniors

• **The National Senior Games Association** in Baton Rouge, La., promotes healthy lifestyles and fitness through competitive sports for older adults. Senior games are held at the local, state and national levels. Call (225) 379-7337 for more information.

• **The National Institute on Aging**, part of the federal National Institutes of Health, offers a free resource book on physical fitness for older adults. "Exercise: A Guide from the National Institute on Aging" is a 100-page booklet with illustrations on exercises that seniors can perform at home. To order the book, call (800) 222-2223 or e-mail the NIA at niainfo@access.digex.net. The booklet also can be read on the Internet at <http://webfile.nia.nas.gov/exercise/>.

• **The American College of Sports Medicine** has published a helpful brochure called "Fit Over 40." The pamphlet offers suggestions for getting into and staying in shape. For a free copy, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: ACSM, P.O. Box 1440, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

—Source: Orange County Register

• Check your target heart rate with your doctor. Some blood pressure medicines, for example, can affect how you calculate target heart rates.

• Start slowly with a cardiovascular activity you like, have done before and can include daily in your schedule. You can do it solo, with a buddy or in a group.

• Walking is a good activity for most beginners. Walk at a pace that makes you breathe a little harder than normal for 15 minutes. Increase the amount of time you walk each day, but keep the pace steady.

As you develop more cardiovascular endurance, you can pick up the pace.

Riding a recumbent exercise bike is another ideal activity for beginners, because there's hardly a learning curve.

You can challenge yourself when you get stronger by increasing the resistance, pedaling a little faster or going for a longer period.

• Make sure to warm up for about five minutes before working out and cool down afterward. Some ways to warm up are walking on a treadmill or on grass or pavement or pedaling at a leisurely pace on a recumbent bike.

• Make sure you drink enough water to keep your body hydrated during exercise.

• Stop right away if you develop sudden pain or shortness of breath or feel ill. Contact your doctor immediately.

SOCIAL SECURITY Q&A

Knigh Ridder News Service

Q. Some of my friends have automatically received a "Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement" from Social Security.

It showed their lifetime earnings and how the estimate of what benefits they and their families may be eligible for now and in the future. Will I automatically receive this statement?

A. Social Security began mailing the statement in 1995 to individuals age 60 and older.

Since then, the mailings have gone to younger workers. Between October 1, 1998, and March 31, 1999, about 33 million workers between ages 40 and 47 will receive this statement.

Beginning October 1999, all workers age 25 and older will be receiving statements annually.

Q. Is it true that some people work and still collect disability benefits?

A. Yes. Social Security has special rules that permit disability benefits to workers who are working under the Social Security rules.

The rules are designed to provide cash income and medical assistance while beneficiaries attempt to work on a regular basis.

This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For just answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

The business of aging turns lucrative for some

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — It has come to the attention of the baby boomers that the meaning of youth is starting to wear gayer glasses, baby boomers who once took off for Europe with a backpack and a friend are now contemplating retirement.

The next stage on words like "residential communities," "senior citizen discount" and "assisted living." And yet, they also still immortal, self-absorbed and an impressive extent, in denial.

"They haven't planned for anything else in their lives, and it's worked out. So why plan for retirement?" said John Rother, director of legislation and public policy for the American Association of Retired Persons. The association hosted a forum Tuesday on the subject of "Ready or Not, Here They Come: Boomers Approaching Midlife." Nobody mentioned that some people think that getting into midlife from the AARP is the first sign of death.

The AARP's conference hall was filled with about 90 representatives of organizations interested in the policy implications of retirement in the first swell of the boomer wave, which will occur in about a decade.

Some of the conference attendees climbed the three flights of stairs from the parking lot and did not take the elevator. Some had spent extra for glasses without the bifocal lens. A few were so young they didn't mind wearing the same thing that had AARP on it in big bright letters.

On each chair were publications featuring pictures of smiling white-haired people, some at scenic views or holding fresh-caught fish.

The news just got more and more depressing. As the 75 million born between 1946 and 1964 — roughly 29 percent of the population — start lining up for cancer surgery, we will find that about half of us didn't save enough money and a fourth of us will have to take part-time jobs at McDonald's.

More people are working today, but only about 50 percent work for employers who provide any kind of pension, and pension coverage in general is stagnating. Only 50 percent own stock, a figure that goes even lower among African-Americans and Hispanics.

Health care costs will eat up more and more of our money, and will likely define who is doing okay and who isn't. More boomers will need care in the coming years, but there will be "fewer potential caregivers," Rother said.

"Four in 10 of us can't see ourselves retired," said AARP research director Constance Swank. "But the same number can't see that one survey said that while the median age of boomers is 42, they think of themselves as 35. 'Now that is denial,' she said.

So, Sohal explained, that's where the SMU researchers looked for cell damage. And they found it. The SMU researchers noticed that as files aged, a particular type of protein molecule was especially susceptible to damage from rogue oxygen molecules. The protein, called ANT, is used to keep cells' energy supply up and running, and it's the key to keeping cells' energy supply up and running.

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You can't always be the judge of people

"If I were her I would have — if I were he I would have —"

What is it about ourselves that causes us to believe that we know better than "whoever" we are discussing? I once had a great aunt who absolutely refused to say anything negative about anyone.

She lived by the maxim, "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all."

When she died that was something everyone spoke about. What wonderful memories everyone who knew her had about her. And how unusual she truly was.

All of us judge others, and certainly if that person is immoral, unethical or dishonest, they deserve the judgment. How I detect itself by judging these attributes as not worthy of respect.

But often the reason we judge people and treat them in an unjust manner has nothing to do with unethical behavior; it's simply because of who they are or the fact that their actions do not mesh with the actions we ourselves might have taken.

I think of Henry David Thoreau, and how I was forced to read his book, "Walden." In college I thought, "How I hate that book, and how judgmental I was because I felt that Thoreau was somewhat of an idiot for not only spending his time in the wilderness away from civilization, but then writing about what he learned while there, as well as his philosophies.

"Hmph!" I said to myself, "as if I would ever be interested in that."

And, indeed, at 18 years of age, nothing was further from my mind.

But as I have gotten older Thoreau's paragon has come to mind very often as I read about or see acts of hate or racism, hear sexist statements, or listen as people put children "in their places" with remarks meant to hurt, not help.

The next time any of us are tempted to judge our friends, neighbors, even our loved ones, and hear Thoreau say, "You can't Thoreau had to say, and take the time to think before we speak.

Words, once spoken, cannot be taken back. Apologies may be given, but the hurt remains.

Gay Petersen is a retired school teacher who lives in Wendell.



AFTER CLASS
Gay Petersen

But through the years, not only have I come to appreciate what a magnificent writer Thoreau was. A phrase he wrote is stuck forever in my head.

It goes like this: "I wish my countrymen to consider, that when a human being may be neither an individual nor a nation can commit the least act of injustice against the obscure individual without having to pay the penalty for it."

That paragraph is very thought provoking.

Heaven knows that during my life I have had strong opinions. One of my colleagues even told me once that I was very opinionated, so I haven't room to talk.

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Retirees relocate back to university towns

The Washington Post

When it was time to retire, Bill and Virginia Binger did what Americans are supposed to do: They headed south to retirement heaven and built their dream home.

But heaven, they found, was not only too hot, it was dull. So they fled the dream and moved to Iowa.

Yes, cold, snowy Iowa, because their alma mater, Iowa State University, had an enticing place for people like them.

The Bingers now live in one of a growing number of university-affiliated retirement homes.

These are facilities that testify to an appetite among educated, affluent retirees for more than golf and sunshine, more than fishing, drinking and going to Wal-Mart. As one retiree attending a presentation for a new Penn State development said last month.

Several hundred thousand retirees each year still use desktop calculators in deciding where to spend the rest of their lives.

But an increasing number of retirees are finding that university towns offer the continuing personal growth and intellectual stimulation they seek.

It was only a matter of time before universities realized they could benefit as much as the retirees.

"We love it," Virginia Binger said of her retirement village in Ames. "About 80 percent of the residents are alumni and staff."

They've traveled and are knowledgeable, and because this is a university town, it has concerts, lectures, courses."

Nostalgia is certainly an element in their choice, but retirees say university campuses also have the ease and safety of

Why Move?

Asked why she had left the beaches of California for Ames, Iowa, Green Hills, an Iowa State project with a two-year waiting list, said Ziegler responded, "You don't know how many times I've been asked that question."

She and her husband had enjoyed Iowa in their undergraduate days, and her husband had been on the faculty before taking a job in Long Beach years ago.

When it came time to retire, she said, "It just occurred to us we would like to live in Ames."

—Source: Washington Post

small-town living.

"College students and retirees are both looking for the same thing: a good time," said Mark Fagan, a professor specializing in retirement issues at Jacksonville State University in Alabama.

In turn, universities that sponsor retirement communities get a living laboratory for students in the exploding field of gerontology.

They also acquire customers for their sweat shirts and whiskey glasses, patients for their medical centers and a loyal body of alumni more likely to bequeath their substantial wealth if they live just steps from the university's fund-raising office.

"The idea is elegant in its simplicity," said Len Caldwell, director of the Kendall Corp., a nonprofit group that operates retirement homes in four university towns. Universities are constantly calling the company, said Kendall.

At Eastern Michigan University, which recently began negotiations with four more universities he declined to name.

Many of the projects provide "continuing care," in which residents are guaranteed increasing on-site assistance, all the way to skilled nursing.

Over 60? Things don't have to fall apart

The Dallas Morning News

It seems that when you are getting old, things don't have to fall apart. But it is a common myth that as you age, your health and vitality will decline.

But a new study from the University of Michigan suggests that as you age, your health and vitality can actually improve. The study found that as you age, your health and vitality can actually improve.

The researchers studied the damage in the muscle cells a mouse used to beat its wings. The pair chose those cells, Sohal said, because they need to consume large amounts of oxygen to get enough energy to beat rapidly.

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Sohal, the SMU biologist who led the study, said that if one can slow down the rate of aging, the youthful years last longer, he said.

Sohal and his colleague Liang-Jun Yan reported their new research in the latest issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

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And while the oxygen is essential for the muscles to fly, it also has a darker side — it can damage important cell components. Damage from these rogue oxygen molecules is thought to be a key contributor to the aging process.

In the housefly muscle cells, as in any cell, energy is made in tiny organelles known as mitochondria. The mitochondria produce energy in the form of a chemical called ATP. And one of the key elements a cell needs to produce ATP is oxygen. Since the mitochondria are the home to so many oxygen molecules inside a cell, it also stood to reason that a lot of oxygen-caused damage could occur there.

So, Sohal explained, that's where the SMU researchers looked for cell damage. And they found it. The SMU researchers noticed that as files aged, a particular type of protein molecule was especially susceptible to damage from rogue oxygen molecules. The protein, called ANT, is used to keep cells' energy supply up and running, and it's the key to keeping cells' energy supply up and running.

Previous research by Sohal indicated that another protein called p53, which is the mediator of cell death, was also picked out for damage by oxygen. The same scenario seems to be holding true for mice, animals that are more similar to people, he said.

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